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The President in the Chair.

Members present,

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Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Bassitt,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Colhoon,
Conrad,

Messrs. Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
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Hall,
Handy,

Messrs. Henszey,
 Hutchinson,
 Iseminger,
 Jones,
 Keller,
 Kelton,
 Kerr,
 King,
 Kneass,
 Lewis,
 Maag,
 Makins,
 Mascher,
 Melloy,
 Miller, Andrew,
 Morris,
 Moyer,
 McClean,
 McFadden,
 McIlwain,
 McMakin,
 McManus,

Messrs. McNeal,
 Palethorp,
 Parker,
 Ridgway,
 Schoch,
 Sites,
 Steel,
 Stevenson,
 Taylor,
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 Warnock.
 Waterman,
 Wildey,
 Williams.
 Wilmer,
 Wolf,
 Wright, B. F.
 Wright, C. S.

Miller, John, President.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Ford

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
 November 19th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
 Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 16th inst., A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to draw a warrant in favor of E. N. Creighton.

On the 16th inst., A Resolution to authorize the transfer of certain items of appropriation to the Department of the City Commissioners.

On the 16th inst., A Resolution to authorize the construction of a drain in the Twenty-third Ward, and for other purposes.

On the 16th inst., A Resolution to appropriate \$ 25, for dubbing Hose of Steam Fire Engine " Young America."

On the 17th inst., A Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation to the Highway Department.

On the 17th inst., An Ordinance to regulate the sale of fruits and vegetables.

On the 17th inst., An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain on the line of Coates street, northwestwardly from Ridge Avenue, in the Fifteenth Ward.

On the 17th inst., An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain on the line of Swanson Alley, northwardly from Willow street, in the Eleventh Ward.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from Stephen Taylor, Controller, transmitting estimates for the expenses of the several Departments for the year 1858, as furnished to the Controller, from the 2d to the 19th of November, 1857. (Appendix No. 1.)

Also,

A Bill from Jesper Harding and Son, for advertising the City Controller's Report for the year 1856, in the Pennsylvania Enquirer.

Mr. Drayton

Presented a petition from the Northern Home for Friendless Children, asking for an appropriation to the Institution.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mascher,

One from the workingmen of the City asking for relief.

Mr. Cooper,

One of like import from the workingmen of the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Joint Special Committee on the subject.

Mr. Sites,

One from the Citizens of the Sixteenth Ward, asking for the location of a gas lamp on Ellen street.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Boyer,

One from owners of property on Washington street between Jefferson and Oxford streets, in the Seventeenth Ward asking that water pipes may be laid in the same.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Cooper,

One from owners of property on Hancock Street between Diamond and York streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Fourth between Oxford and Diamond street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Warnock

One from Thomas Livezley, asking for the erection of a wall to prevent damage to his property by the opening of Park street.

Mr. Butcher,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking for the grading of Thirty-eighth street and Myrtle Street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Kneass,

One from George Cubbler, asking for damages incurred by the interference of certain employees of the City with his work at the wing walls of Girard Avenue Bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on certain bonds. (Appendix No. 2.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole upon the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Day in the Chair.

The officers and members of Select Council being introduced,

The President resumed the Chair.

Councils being assembled in Convention.

The President thereof announced the object to be the election of three Directors of the Pennsylvania Rail Road

Company; three Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company; and three Directors of the North Western Rail Road Company.

The Convention proceeded to the election of three Directors of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.

The Clerks acting as tellers, reported that 81 votes had been cast, of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Beideman, Benton, Bradford, Cuyler, Gamble, Horrocks, Kline, Maison, Marselis, McCay, Mott, Neal, Roberts, Schofield, Taylor, Verree and Williams,

17, voted for John G. Brenner, John Robbins, Jr. and Samuel Megarge.

Mr. Cornman,

1, voted for George Howell, George Mecke and Joseph R. Flanagan.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fidler, Geisler, Gillin, Hall, Handy, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McClean, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President,

50, voted for Samuel Megarge, John Robbins, Jr., and John G. Brenner.

Messrs. Bassitt, Black, Fry, Ginnodo, King, Parker, Ridgway, Steel, Oscar Thompson and Tudor,

10, voted for George Howell, Joseph R. Flanagan and George Mecke.

Mr. Ford,

1, voted for George Howell and George Mecke.

Mr. Moyer,

1, voted for George Howell, John Robbins, Jr., and George Mecke.

Mr. Wildey,

1, voted for George Howell, John Robbins, Jr. and Joseph R. Flanagan.

Messrs. John G. Brenner, John Robbins, Jr. and Sam'l Megarge, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected.

The Convention proceeded to the election of three Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company.

The Clerks acting as tellers reported that sixty-two votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Beideman, Bradford, Cuyler, Gamble, Horrocks, Kline, Maison, Marselis, McCay, Mott, Neal, Taylor, and Williams,

14, voted for James D. Whetham, Harry Connelly and Thomas L. Kane.

Mr. Schofield,

1, voted for Harry Connelly and Thomas L. Kane.

Common Council,

Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Hall, Handy, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Stevenson, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

38, voted for James D. Whetham, Harry Connelly and Thomas L. Kane.

Messrs. Bassitt, Black, Ford, Fry, King, Moyer, Parker, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and Wildey,

10, voted for John McWhorter, H. D. Moore and R. V. Massey.

Mr. Barnwell,

1, voted for James D. Whetham and Thomas L. Kane.

Mr. Crease,

1, voted for Thomas L. Kane.

Mr. Mascher,

1, voted for Thomas L. Kane and Harry Connelly.

Messrs. James D. Whetham, Harry Connelly and Thomas L. Kane, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected.

The Convention proceeded to the election of three Directors of the North Western Rail Road Company.

The Clerks acting as tellers, reported that 75 votes had been cast, of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Beideman, Benton, Bradford, Cuyler, Gamble, Horrocks, Kline, Maison, Marselis, McCay, Mott, Schofield, Taylor and Williams,

14, voted for James S. Watson, Oliver Evans and A. R. Foering.

Mr. Cornman,

1, voted for R. S. Reed, R. L. Martin and M. E. Afflick.

Common Council,

Messrs. Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Gillin, Hall, Handy, Iseminger,

Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Melloy, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President,

47, voted for James S. Watson, Oliver Evans and Albert R. Foering.

Messrs. Bassitt, Black, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, King, Moyer, Parker, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and Wildey,

12, voted for Robert S. Reed, Robert L. Martin, and Morris E. Afflick.

Mr. Ridgway,

1, voted for Morris E. Afflick.

Messrs. James S. Watson, Oliver Evans and Albert R. Foering, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected.

The Convention adjourned and Select Council retired.

Common Council in Committee of the whole, resumed the consideration of the Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on certain bonds.

And after some time spent in debate, the Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Which was not agreed to.

The First Section of the Ordinance being read,

Mr. Mascher

Moved the previous question and was sustained by the following members rising in their places :

Messrs. Mascher, Faulkner, Keller, Jones, Burnell, Dougherty, Mellwain, Melloy, Hutchinson, Boyer, Drayton, McManus and Butcher.

And on the question, " Shall the main question be now put ? "

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulker, Ford, Fry, Handy, Henszey, Hutchinson, Keller, Kelton, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Barnwell, Boyer, Burns, Cooper, Deal, Hall, Iseminger, Kerr, Makins, Andrew Miller, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Waterman, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 34. Nays 23.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and Jones,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Ford, Fry, Handy, Henszey, Hutchinson, Kelton, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McNeal, Palethorp, Parker, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Barnwell, Bassitt, Black, Boyer, Burns, Cooper, Deal, Faulkner, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Makins, Andrew Miller, McMakin, McManus, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Waterman, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 29. Nays 29.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution directing the City Solicitor to inquire into the title of a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the bond given by Samuel Thompson, late Commissioner of Market Houses.

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estates, for the purpose therein mentioned."

Also,

A Resolution directing the Stockholders in the Pennsylvania, North Pennsylvania, Sunbury and Erie and North Western Rail Road Companies to report annually, in January, the condition of the roads they respectively represent.

Also,

A Resolution to dispense with the next stated meeting of Councils.

Also,

To adjourn to meet on Wednesday the 25th inst.

Also,

That they insist in their amendment to Section Six, of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for securing the costs and fines collected by the Police Magistrates for the use of the City."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the payment of the claims of Matthew and Robert Thompson, and other persons, for paving intersections."

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The Resolution authorizing and directing the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the bond given by Samuel Thompson, late Commissioner of Market Houses,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolutions to dispense with the next stated meeting of Councils.

And to adjourn to meet on Wednesday the 25th inst.,

Were considered, read twice and adopted.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estates, for the purpose therein mentioned," being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Resolution directing the City Solicitor to inquire into the title of a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-fourth Ward,

Was considered read twice and adopted.

The Resolution directing the City Stockholders in the Pennsylvania, North Pennsylvania, Sunbury and Erie and North Western Rail Road Companies to report annually, in

January, the condition of the roads they respectively represent,

Was considered read twice and adopted.

The amendments of Select Council to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for securing the costs and fines collected by the Police Magistrates for the use of the City," being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to indefinitely postpone the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Cooper, Kneass, Mascher and McMakin.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Burnell, Colhoon, Crease, Deal, Faulkner, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Keller, Kerr, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McManus, Palethorp, Parker, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 5. Nays 27.

A quorum of Members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 25th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Ginnodo,
Hacker,
Hall,
Handy,
Henszey,
Holman,

Messrs. Hutchinson,

Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller, Andrew,
Moyer,
McClean,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Potts,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,

Messrs. Taylor,
Thompson, John
Thompson, Oscar,
Tuder,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,

Messrs. Waterman,
Willey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

Mr. King,

On leave granted, submitted a report from the Joint Special Committee on Legislature. (Appendix No. 3.)

Mr. Faulkner

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the First Section of the Bill "to make an appropriation to pay interest on certain bonds," was negatived at the last meeting.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Jones,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Keller, King, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Potts, Steel, Taylor, Vanhorn, Warnock, Willey, Williams, Wolf, John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Black, Cooper, Deal, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McMakin, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, John Thompson, Waterman and Wilmer.

Yeas 39. Nays 18.

Agreed to.

The First Section of the Bill being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved the previous Question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Mascher, Vanhorn, Fry, Ginnodo, Crease, McMakin, Wolf, Warnock, Palethorp, Burnell, Williams, Handy and Drayton.

And on the question, "Shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Stevenson,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Kane, King, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Barnwell, Bromley, Deal, Fitler, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McMakin, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor and Wilmer.

Yeas 42. Nays 23.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Parker,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Kane, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Barnwell, Black, Bromley, Deal, Fitler, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Keller,

Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McMakin, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor and Wilmer.

Yeas 44. Nays 21.

It was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "Treasurer" the words "on and after the first day of January, 1858."

Mr. Mascher

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising in their places, viz :

Messrs. Mascher, Handy, McFadden, Day, Oscar Thompson, Butcher, Boyer, Potts, Hutchinson, Melloy, McIlwain, Hacker, O'Neill and Perkins.

And on the question, "Shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Stevenson,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Kane, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Barnwell, Black, Bromley, Deal, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vasey and Wilmer.

Yeas 39. Nays 22.

Agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Wilmer,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Jones and Barnwell,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barnwell, Black, Bromley, Deal, Hall, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McMakin, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, John Thompson, Tudor, Vasey and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Hutchinson, Kane, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Taylor, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 21. Nays 43.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Second Section,

It was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to third reading of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barnwell and Stevenson,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Kane, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Taylor, Oscar

Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Barnwell, Black, Deal, Fitler, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McMakin, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, John Thompson, Tudor, Vasey and Wilmer.

Yeas 45. Nays 20.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time, and the question being on its final passage.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Jones,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Hohman, Hutchinson, Kane, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, McFadden, Meliwain, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Barnwell, Black, Bromley, Deal, Iseminger, Jones, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McMakin, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor and Vasey.

Yeas 45. Nays 19.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report transmitting the estimates of the several Departments of the City, required for the year 1858. (Appendix No. 4.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to refer the same to the appropriate Committees.

Agreed to.

Also,

A Report with a Resolution to change certain Items of appropriation for 1857, to the Inspectors of the County Prison. (Appendix No. 5.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report with a Resolution approving of the Sureties of certain Supervisors, and of the Chief and other Commissioners of Highways and of the Licensed Clerk of the Department. (Appendix No. 6.)

Laid on the Table.

Also,

A Report with an ordinance to authorize a Loan to pay claims against and to defray the expenses of the Corporation, with a Resolution to publish, &c. (Appendix No. 7.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution attached. ,

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Submitted a report with Resolutions to authorize the grading of Girard Avenue and Clayton streets. (Appendix No. 8.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to re-consider the vote by which the Resolution directing the Clerk to publish the Ordinance "to authorize a loan to pay claims against and to defray the expenses of the Corporation."

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the motion for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works,

Submitted a Report with an Estimate required by that Department for lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps for the Year 1858. (Appendix No. 9.)

Mr. Alexander

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a Report with Resolutions to authorize the paving of Fisher street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 10.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to fix the salary of Chief and Clerk of Police. (Appendix No. 11.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Holman

Moved to strike out the words "and of the Clerk of Police, seven hundred dollars."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words "and Clerk."

Agreed to.

The Title as amended was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with Resolutions to authorize the Commissioner of Market Houses to enforce the sale of Bread by the pound avordupois. (Appendix No. 12.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same and that it be made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the motion of Mr. Stevenson, to reconsider the vote by which the Resolution to authorize the Clerk to publish the Ordinance to pay claims against and to defray the expenses of the Corporation.

Not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
November 25th, 1857.

To the President and members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance was approved and signed on the 20th inst. viz :

An Ordinance to authorize the payment of the claim of Matthew and Robert Thompson, and other persons for paving intersections.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also, the following :

HEALTH OFFICE,

Philadelphia, November 23, 1857.

To the President and members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :—

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held on the 18th inst., the following Resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Councils of the vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the resignation of A. D. Boileau, Esq., of the Sixteenth Ward.

[Extract from the Minutes.]

Attest,

WILLIAM M. RANDALL, Clerk.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

One from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, calling attention of Council to the condition of certain streets therein named. (Appendix No. 13.)

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A Petition from George A. Piper, asking payment of a certain judgment obtained by him against the City.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Communication from the City Controller submitting estimates received since November the 19th, of the amount required by the several Departments of the City. (Appendix No. 14.)

Which were respectively referred to the appropriate Committees.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution to authorize the City Controller to transfer

\$ 150 from Item No. 3 to Item No. 4, of the Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, &c., for 1857, &c.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution authorizing the Controllors of Public Schools to repair the roof of the Zane street School House.

Also,

That they have passed "A Resolution providing for the transfer of certain items of appropriation to the Department for supplying the city with water, for the year 1857."

Also,

That they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on certain bonds."

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estates for the purposes therein mentioned."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on certain Bonds."

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and O'Neill,

And being ordererd were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Taylor and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Boyer, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Maag,

Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Perkins, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Waterman and John Miller, President.

Yeas 3. Nays 23.

A quorum of members not having voted,
It was not agreed to.

A quorum of members not being present,

The President

Decided the Chamber adjourned.

THURSDAY, Dec. 3d, 1857.

Council met,

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Gillin,
Ginnodo,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hall,

Handy,
Henszey,
Holman,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller, Andrew,
Moyer,
McDonough, !
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins.

Messrs. Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Thompson, John
Thompson, Oscar,
Tuder,
Vanhorn,

Messrs. Vasey,
Warnock,
Waterman,
Wildey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the City Commissioners, submitting Duplicate Bills from William B. Mann, District Attorney; George Megee, Sheriff, and George M. Howell, late Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions; also, asking for an appropriation to pay Grand Jurors. (Appendix No. 15.)

Also,

A Communication from the Managers of the Penn Asylum for Indigent Widows and single Women, asking for an appropriation of one thousand dollars.

Also,

One from the City Controller transmitting estimates of expenses of Police Department and Board of Health for the year 1858. Also, the correspondence between the Controllers Department and the President of the Board of Inspectors of the County Prison relative to the payment of the receipts of that Institution for the current year, to the City Treasurer. (Appendix No. 16.)

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Communication asking that the name of Callowhill street may be changed.

Referred to the Special Committee on Street Nomenclature.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from citizens of the Third Ward, asking for the crection of a Market House on Eleventh street from Catherine to Christian streets.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Also,

One from owners of property on Hamilton street, between Fifteenth and Callowhill streets in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

One from James N. Dickson, asking for the payment of damages for the opening of Poplar street, Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Burnell,

One from owners of property on Poplar street, from Ridge Avenue to Nineteenth street, asking that the same may be opened.

Also,

A Remonstrance against the alteration of the grade of Springett street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Holman

A petition from owners of property on Commerce street in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. Cooper,

One from owners of property on Emerald street, between Front and York streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Crease,

One from owners of property on East Washington street, Twenty-second Ward, asking permission to curb and pave the sidewalks in the front of their respective properties.

Mr. Wolf,

One from owners of property in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that a certain property on Wayne Avenue dedicated to the city, may be enclosed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. McDonough,

One from citizens of the Seventh Precinct, Fourteenth Ward, asking for the location of a lamp on South below Seventh street.

Mr. Baird,

One of like import from owners of property on the north side of Locust street, between Thirteenth and Juniper.

Mr. Parker,

One of like import from owners of property on Videt's Alley, Fifth Ward.

Mr. Burnell,

One of like import from residents in the vicinity of Twenty-third and Clayton streets.

Mr. Melloy,

One of like import from owners of property on Robertson street, in the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. O'Neill,

One of like import from John Bernard, for a lamp at Rainbow street and Trenton Avenue, Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Day,

On leave granted, Submitted a report from the Finance

Committee, with "An Ordinance to re-organize the Board of Health. (Appendix No. 17.)

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The President

Presented the following :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 3d, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinance has been approved and signed,
viz :

On the 28th ult. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on certain Bonds.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. McNeal,

A petition from the Columbia Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Mascher,

One from the Northern Liberty Fire Company asking for the loan of the Hose of the Steam Fire Engine Young America.

Mr. Burnell

One from the Spring Garden Engine Company asking for a donation of 500 feet of Hose.

Mr. Mascher,

One from the Liberty Engine Company of Holmesburg asking for a donation of \$500, to rebuild their House destroyed by fire.

Also,

A Communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the Moyamensing Hose Company for a violation of the Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Vanhorn,

A Petition asking the privilege of constructing a Passenger Railway along Ridge Avenue, from Girard College to Second and Arch streets, via. Ninth or Tenth streets.

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Boyer

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, to provide for the paving of the intersection of Cadwallader and Master streets, as widened by the continuance of Washington street.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Presented a petition from owners of property in the Nineteenth Ward, asking for the construction of the contemplated culverts in the city.

Mr. Bromley,

A communication from Joseph H. Siddall, Surveyor of the Eighth District, asking for the repeal of a certain Preamble and Resolution passed November 12th, 1857, instructing the City Solicitor to file exceptions to a survey of that part of the Eighth District lying south of Erie avenue.

Mr. Burns,

A petition from owners of property in the vicinity of Hedge and Meadow street, in the late Borough of Frankford, complaining of a certain water course, &c.

Mr. King,

One from George A. Beaumont, asking permission to construct a culvert or drain on Thompson street, between Seventh and Marshall streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Holman,

One from the owners of property on Wayne street, Nineteenth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Bromley,

One from the working men of the City asking for Relief.

Referred to the Committee on the subject.

Mr. Arnold

Asked leave to offer the following Preamble and Resolution,

Whereas, The Ordinance establishing the department of City Property, after prescribing the duties of the Commissioner, provides in the Sixth Section, that "he shall in addition to the duties herein imposed upon him, perform such 'other duties' as Council shall hereafter ordain and direct,"

And whereas, the following Resolution embracing one of those other "duties," was passed by Councils, September 16th 1857, viz: That the Commissioner of City Property be and he is hereby authorized and directed, under the supervision and direction of the Committee on City Property, to expend the amount appropriated in item 26 of the general appropriation to the department of City Property, in such repairs and improvements as are needed upon the Wire Bridge,

And whereas, a Sub-committee in pursuance of this resolution was appointed to co-operate with the Commissioner

in the performance of his duty, who, in company with the Surveyor and Chief Engineer, whose experience the Committee were desirous to obtain, proceeded to the Bridge, and after a thorough examination and full consultation, concluded that it was necessary to lay a new under floor, with good white plank, three inches thick, and a new upper floor with the best Delaware or Maryland white oak, two inches thick, and that a person with experience in Bridge building should be engaged to superintend the work, and procure the materials, especially the oak, which the Committee decided should be sawed to order,

And whereas, to the great surprise of the Committee, the Commissioner refused to abide by their suggestions, and proceeded with the work in every respect contrary to their directions. Instead of white pine plank he procured spruce pine, and instead of Southern white oak plank he ordered the Northern white oak, from a mill in this City, which all lumber men unite in opinion is for the most part brittle, wind-shaken, and unfit for the purpose; and which he procured at a greater price than the Southern would cost. He refused to engage the person designated by the Committee to superintend the work, and agreed to pay higher wages than was necessary to the mechanics; and he even refused to meet the Committee in consultation.

Therefore, Resolved, that the Commissioner in thus refusing to be directed by Councils and the Committee, agreeably to the Ordinance and the Resolution of Councils, passed on the 16th of September, 1857, he has treated both the Councils and the Committee with contempt, which is sufficient for his removal, as provided for in the Forty-fifth Section of the Act of Consolidation, on page 39, of the book.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Boyer and Sites,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Black, Bromley, Brown, Conrad, Crease, Day, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Geisz, Geisler, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Kelton, King, Lewis, Maag,

Makins, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Parker, Ridgway, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Cooper, Hall, Andrew Miller and John Thompson.

Yeas 53. Nays 8.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read.

Mr. Baird

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on City Property.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 2, Common Council File, to authorize a loan for the consolidation of the several Gas Works of the City.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Fitler,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Faulkner, Geisz, Gillin, Henszey, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Melloy, Andrew Miller, McDonough, McFadden, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Schoch, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Kelton, King, Mascher, Moyer, Mc

Ilwain, Ridgway, Sites, Stevenson, Wildey, Williams and Wilmer.

Yeas 49. Nays 19.

Agreed to.

Mr. McIlwain

Moved the previous question and was sustained by the following members rising in their seats :

Messrs. McIlwain, Barnwell, Faulkner, Burnell, Jones, Butcher, McManus, Boyer, Geisz, Cooper, Arnold, Melloy, and Ridgway.

And on the question, "shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Holman and Ford,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Faulkner, Geisz, Gillin, Ginnodo, Henszey, Iscminge, Jones, Kane, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Melloy, Andrew Miller, McDonough, McEadden, McIlwain, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Ridgway, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. Brown, Deal, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Holman, Kelton, Kerr, King, Makins, Mascher, Moyer, McMakin, O'Neill, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Wildey, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 49. Nays 26.

Agreed to.

The question being on the final passage of the Bill, the Yeas and Nays were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher,

Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisz, Gillin, Ginnodo, Henszey, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Melloy, Andrew Miller, McDonough, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Deal, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hall, Handy, King, Mascher, Moyer, McIlwain, McMakin, O'Neill, Ridgway, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer and Wolf.

Yeas 48. Nays 21.

Two thirds of the whole number not having voted in the affirmative,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Wolf

Moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

The President decided the motion out of order, the member not having voted with the majority.

Whereupon, Mr. Barnwell, seconded by Mr. Warnock, moved to reconsider the said vote.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and McDonough,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Deal, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hall, Handy, Kelton, King, Mascher, Moyer, McIlwain, Sites, Stevenson, Wildey, Wilmer and John Miller, Pre'st.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Dougherty, Faulkner, Fry, Geisz, Gillin, Ginnodo, Henszey, Holman, Iseminger, Jones,

Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Melloy, Andrew Miller, McDonough, McFadden, McMakin, Mcanus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 17. Nays 49.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Wilmer,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Geisz, Gillin, Ginnodo, Henszey, Holman, Iseninger, Jones, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Melloy, Andrew Miller, McDonough, McFadden, McManus Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Clay, Fidler, Ford, Geisler, Hall, Handy, Mascher, Moyer, McIlwain, McMakin, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 51. Nays 18.

It was agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved that the Bill be postponed until the Committee appointed to investigate the financial affairs of the City Gas Works shall have reported ; and that the said Committee be requested to report as soon as practicable.

Mr. Bromley

Moved to lay the motion on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Brown and Boyer,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Geisz, Gillin, Henszey, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Melloy, Andrew Miller, McDonough, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Brown, Clay, Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hall, Handy, Kelton, King, Makins, Mascher, Moyer, Mellwain, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Tudor, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 42. Nays 25.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and that it be made the special order of the day for the 17th inst.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the City Solicitor, in relation to the Title of the City to a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 18.)

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. McMakin,

Chairman of the Committee on Poor,

On leave granted, submitted a report with a Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation of an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of the expenses of that Department for the year 1857. (Appendix No. 19.)

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with the estimates required by the Guardians of the Poor for the year 1858. (Appendix No. 20.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McManus,

Chairman of the Committee on Markets,

On leave granted, submitted "An Ordinance entitled 'a Supplement to an Ordinance approved October 19th, 1854, entitled an Ordinance to establish the Department of Market Houses.'" (Appendix No. 21.)

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with the estimates required by that Department for the year 1858. (Appendix No. 22.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Parker,

Chairman of the Special Committee on Street Nomenclature, on leave granted,

Submitted a Report with "An Ordinance to change the names of certain Streets, Lanes, Courts and Alleys, in the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 23.)

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

On leave granted, submitted a Report with a Resolution to change certain items of appropriation to the Department of Police. (Appendix No. 24.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and King,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boyer, Conrad, Deal, Fry, King, Makins, Mascher, Parker, Stevenson and Tudor.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Black, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Gillin, Hacker, Hall, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kelton, Kneass, Maag, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Williams, Wilmer, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 10. Nays 35.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Resolution,
It was agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the the order of the day to offer the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the City Solicitor be required to proceed forthwith against the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, for the purpose of recovering from said Company the amount of money paid by the City, " due by said Com-

pany," interest on Bonds issued by the late Districts of the Northern Liberties and Spring Garden, in the County of Philadelphia, to said Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, according to the Ordinances passed by said Corporations respectively.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to provide for the payment of a claim of Jesper Harding, and to transfer certain items of appropriation. (Appendix No. 25.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to transfer a certain item of appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes. (Appendix No. 26.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Joseph Manuel and others. (Appendix No. 27.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A Report with an Ordinance to authorize the sale of Bonds, Mortgage, Plank Road and Rail Road Stocks, owned by the City of Philadelphia. (Appendix No. 28.)

Laid on the Table and ordered to be printed.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution instructing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to notify the owners of property along Tenth street, between Columbia Avenue and the Germantown Road, to grade their sidewalks within sixty days.

Also,

A Report from the Joint Special Committee on means to alleviate the condition of the Poor, with Resolutions

annexed, recommending the prosecution of certain works, and adversely to the issuing of Warrants as a currency.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolutions from Common Council, entitled "Resolutions to authorize the grading of Girard Avenue and Clayton street.

Also,

In the Resolution entitled "Resolution to change certain items of appropriation for 1857, to the Inspectors of the County Prison."

Also,

In the Resolution entitled "Resolution to authorize the paving of Fisher street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and for other purposes."

Also,

In "An Ordinance to fix the salary of the Chief of Police."

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a Report with Resolutions to authorize the paving of Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 29.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

The Third Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out "the Committee on Highways" and insert "Councils."

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution, as amended

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 10th, 1857.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Mascher

Moved that Mr. Day take the Chair.

Agreed to.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer
Boyle,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Butcher,
Clay,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Hacker,
Handy,

Messrs. Henszey,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Isenminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Potts,

Messrs. Ridgway,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Thompson, John
Vanhorn,
Vasey,

Messrs. Warnock,
Waterman,
Willey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Cooper

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the same.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from William A. Porter, City Solicitor, asking that an appropriation be made to pay the claim of Eliza Howard Burd, for arrears of Ground Rent on Market House Property, corner of Race and Juniper.

Also,

A Communication from Peter Armbruster, Receiver of Taxes, calling attention of Council to a Joint Standing Resolution, passed July 23d, authorizing the appointment of eight temporary Clerks by that Department. (Appendix No. 30.)

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Communication from the Controllers of Public Schools, submitting a Preamble and Resolution, requesting Councils to transfer certain Items of Appropriation to the Board. (Appendix No. 31.)

Also,

One from the Controllers of Public Schools submitting a Resolution, requesting Council to make an appropriation

for repairs, &c., to Ringgold School House. (Appendix No. 32.)

Which were referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Taylor

Presented a petition from citizens, asking that a lamp may be placed in front of the Scott M. E. Church in south Eighth street above Franklin.

Mr. McNeal

One of like import from owners of property in the vicinity of Wyoming and Venango Streets, in the Twenty-Fourth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Iseminger,

A Bill from Messrs. McConnell and Lafferty, for paving stone.

Mr. King,

A communication from George J. Hamilton, asking payment of a claim contracted by the Board of Health.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

A petition from William R. Scott and others, asking that Cambridge street in the Twentieth Ward may be paved.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. King,

Petitions numerously signed, asking for the erection of new Court Houses.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Boyer,

One from the Hibernia Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Warnock,

One of like import from the Fame Hose Company.

Also,

One from the Fellowship Fire Engine Company, asking a donation of three Sections of Hose.

Mr. Mascher,

One from the Diligent Hose Company, asking for an alteration of the Fire Plugs in the City.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Holman,

One from sundry citizens, asking that an attachment be made to the Chesnut street water main.

Mr. B. F. Wright,

One from Citizens, asking that water pipe may be laid in Scott street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets.

Mr. Kneass,

One from the Trustees of the Asbury Methodist Church, praying to be exempted from payment of amount due for water pipe in front of their property on Oak street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Kane,

One from Citizens of the upper wards, asking permission to construct a Railway from Willow street to connect with the Trenton Rail Road,

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Clay,

One from William S. Vaux, Attorney for Hannah Sansom, asking for the payment of Damages incurred by the opening of Carleton street.

Referred to the Committee on Finance

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 32, Common Council File, "To re-organize the Board of Health."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barnwell, Burnell, Cooper, Day, Drayton, Fidler, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hutchinson, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, O'Neill, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Williams, Wilmer and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Butcher, Conrad, Deal, Faulkner, Geisz, Holman, Iseminger, Kane, Kelton, King, Makins, Melloy, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, Mc Neal, Perkins, Ridgway, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey. Warnock, Waterman, Wildey and B. F. Wright.]

Yeas 23. Nays 33.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of City Loans to pay the funded debt falling due on the First of January, 1858." (Appendix No. 33.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt falling due on the 1st of January, 1858." (Appendix No. 34.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a Report with Bills, entitled "Ordinances to make appropriations to the Departments of Controllers of Public Schools, Wharves and Landings, City Controller, Law, City Treasurer, Clerks of Councils, Wills' Hospital, City Ice Boat, and Lighting the City." (Appendix No. 35.)

Laid on the Table.

Also,§

A Report with a Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to institute a suit against Messrs. Kain & Schafer, to recover any sums of money unwarrantably received by them from the City Treasury under a contract with the Board of Health for filling the Lot at the corner of Broad and Prime streets, if upon examination he finds any reasonable grounds to hope for a successful prosecution of such suit. (Appendix No. 36.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the following Resolution :

Resolved, By Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the City Solicitor be instructed to confer with the District Attorney, with a view to the commencement and prosecution of criminal proceedings, and that they be requested to commence criminal proceedings in the proper Court, against those persons who have been reported by the Finance Committee, as guilty of a violation of the laws of this Commonwealth, as officers and members of the Board of Health, by forging the names of citizens to warrants, &c., and thereby defrauding the City out of several sums of money drawn from the City Treasury.

Resolved, That the Clerks of Council transmit to the District Attorney, a certified copy of the above Resolution, together with a printed copy of the report of the Finance Committee, in relation to the accounts of the Board of Health.

Agreed to.

The Resolution having been read a second time,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend as follows, strike out all after the word "Resolved" where it first occurs, and insert the following :

"By the Select and Common Council, that an investigation recently made by a portion of the Finance Committee of Councils, has developed in the Board of Health transactions that have shocked the moral sense of the community, and as they now appear are criminal in their character and disgraceful to the public authority of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the original testimony taken by the said Committee during the said investigation be placed in the hands of the Mayor, with the request that he will submit the same to the District Attorney, with a view of

bringing the offenders to trial in the Criminal Court, for a conspiracy to defraud the City of Philadelphia, or for such other crime as it may appear they may have committed."

Agreed to.

The Resolutions as amended were adopted.

Mr. Holman, seconded by Mr. Waterman,

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the Chamber refused to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 32, "To re-organize the Board of Health."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Ginnodo,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Butcher, Clay, Cooper, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, McIlwain, McMakin, O'Neill, Palethorp, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Brown, Conrad, Crease, Deal, Fry, Geisz, Ginnodo, Kelton, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, Parker, Perkins, Ridgway, Steel and Waterman.

Yeas 46. Nays 20.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration.

Mr. Bromley

Moved to amend in the fourth line, by striking out "three," and inserting "six."

Mr. Miller

Moved that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Law, to inquire into the legal authority of Councils to pass the same, with instructions to report at the next meeting of Councils.

Mr. King

Moved to amend by adding as follows, "and further to inquire as to the propriety of passing said Ordinance."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Deal, Fry, Geisler, Ginnodo, Henszey, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Waterman, Wildey Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Maag, Mascher, McIlwain, McMakin, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Wilmer.

Yeas 38. Nays 17.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question being on the motion to refer as amended,
It was agreed to.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a Report with a Bill entitled an Ordinance "to make an appropriation to pay the interest on a temporary loan, and for other purposes." (Appendix No. 37.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Also,

A Report with a Resolution to transfer a certain Item of appropriation to the Will's Hospital. (Appendix No. 38.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McManus,

Chairman of the Committee on Market Houses,

Submitted a Report with an Estimate required by the department of Markets, for the year 1858. (Appendix No. 39.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolutions presented at last meeting by the Committee on Highways.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Boyle, Butcher, Cooper, Cresse, Day, Fry, Iseninger, Kerr, Kneass, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Waterman and B. F. Wright

NAYS—Messrs. Boyer, Deal, O'Neill and Wilmer.

Yeas 22. Nays, 4.

A quorum not having voted, it was not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 10th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolutions were approved and signed on the 7th inst, viz :

An Ordinance to fix the salary of the Chief of Police.

A Resolution to authorize the grading of Girard Avenue and Clayton street.

A Resolution to change certain items of appropriation for 1857, to the Inspector of the County Prison.

Resolutions to authorize the paving of Fisher street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and for other purposes.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also, the following :

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS,
Office of Chief Engineer and Surveyor,
Philadelphia, December 7th, 1857.

JOHN MILLER, Esq.,
President of Common Council.

DEAR SIR :

I beg leave to report the following plans of revisions that have been filed in this office, and await the action of Councils.

Plans of the Second and Third Districts of Frankford.

Plans of revision of grades on Girard Avenue, between Twenty-ninth street and the Schuylkill River.

Plan of revision of lines in the Fifteenth Ward, locating Powelton Avenue.

Very Respectfully,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,

Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Which were laid on the table.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution discharging the Committee from the further consideration of the Petition, for a change of the Precinct House in the first division of the Eighteenth Ward.

Also,

A Resolution directing the City Solicitor to ascertain and recover the rights of the City, in a certain lot of ground on Chesnut street, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Also,

A Resolution directing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw a warrant in favop of Eliza A. Smith, for overpaid Water Rent.

Also,

A Resolution directing the Commissioner on City Property to inquire and report what improvements can be made for the courts and public offices, and the cost thereof.

And that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the 1st day of January, 1858."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of City Loans to pay the funded debt of the City of

Philadelphia, falling due on January 1, 1858, and to make an appropriation for the payment of the same.

Also,

The Resolution directing the City Solicitor to institute suit against Messrs. Kain and Shafer.

Also,

In "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Joseph Manuel and others."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of a claim of Jesper Harding, and to transfer certain items of appropriation."

Also,

In a "Resolution to transfer a certain item of appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes."

Also,

In the Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation to the Department of Police.

On motion adjourned.

TUESDAY, Dec. 15th, 1857.

Council met, pursuant to the following call :

JOHN MILLER, Esq.

President of the Common Council of Philadelphia.

The undersigned members of the Common Council, hereby request you to call a special meeting of the said Council, to be held on Tuesday next, the 15th day of December, 1857, at 3'clock, P. M., at their Chamber, for the purpose of considering the reports from Committees, and Resolutions to authorize the paving of Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, and for other purposes, and the Ordinances and Resolutions on the Presidents Table.

CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
JOHN M. MELLOY,
ANDREW MILLER,
J. F. MASCHER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
THOMAS JONES, M. D.,
JAMES HUTCHINSON,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
PETER HALL,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
THOMAS WILMER,
WM. C. HENSZEY.

December 11, 1857.

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.

Clerk of Common Council,

Please call a meeting of the Common Council, in accordance with the foregoing requisition.

JOHN MILLER,
President of Common Council.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Handy,
Henszey,
Holman,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Keller,
Kelton,
King,
Kneass,

Messrs. Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Ridgway,
Sites,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,
Waterman,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Resolutions reported by the Committee on Highways, December 3.

To authorize the paving of Twentieth and Twenty-

second streets in the Fifteenth Ward, and for other purposes. (See Appendix No. 9.)

Agreed to.

The Third Resolution was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Fourth Resolution being under consideration.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Drayton, Fitler, Geisz, Kelton, Maag, Mascher, Ridgway, Sites, Stevenson and Williams.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Geisler, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Keller, King, Kneass, Lewis, Makins, Melloy, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, Mellwain, McManus, O'Neill, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 10. Nays 40.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was then adopted.

The Fifth Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Claims.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Boyer, Conrad, Cooper, Day,

Drayton, Fitler, Geisz, Geisler, Ginnodo, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Kelton, King, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, Palethorp, Perkins, Ridgway, Sites, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Williams.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Deal, Hutchinson, Ise-minger, Keller, Makins, Melloy, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, O'Neill, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 27. Nays 27.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Palethorp

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same until the last stated meeting of the month.

Agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Reported the following Resolution from the Committee on Highways, and moved that it be incorporated with the "Resolutions to authorize the paving of Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, and for other purposes."

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade Pratt street, between Till and Logan streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to an extent sufficient to carry off the water, and prevent it from running into the cellars of the houses on the line of the said street.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Fitler,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Boyer, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Deal, Geisler, Ginnodo, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Kneass, Makins, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisz, Keller, Kelton, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, Sites and Stevenson.

Yeas 29. Nays 12.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Iseminger and Andrew Miller,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Deal, Iseminger, Andrew Miller, McFadden, Parker, Ridgway, Stevenson, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Ginnodo, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Keller, Kelton, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Melloy, Morris, Moyer, McIlwain, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Sites, Taylor, Vasey, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 12. Nays 34.

Not agreed to.

A quorum of members being present.

The President

Directed the vote to be again taken on the additional Resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Boyer, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Deal, Faulkner, Geisler, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, King, Kneass, Lewis, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Waterman, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Drayton, Ginnodo, Henszey, Keller, Kelton, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, Sites, Warnock and Williams.

Yeas 33. Nays 12.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a Report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of certain Trust Funds to the Superintendent of Trusts, to invest in City Loans." (Appendix No. 40.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with a Resolution admitting the Columbia Hose Company into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 41.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution appropriating seventy-eight dollars and twenty-two cents, for payment of the salary of E. N. Creighton, Assistant Engineer of Steam Fire Engine "Young America." (Appendix No. 42.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report exonerating the Moyamensing Hose Company from the charge preferred against them by the Chief Engineer, for a violation of the Ordinance regulating the Department, with a Resolution to discharge the Committee from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 43.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted

Also,

A report adverse to the petitions of the Northern Liberty Fire Company, No. 1, and the Spring Garden Engine Company, asking for a loan of hose, and the Liberty Engine, of Holmesburg, asking for a donation, &c., with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 44.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purpose of paying for Surveying of the Boudinot Lands." (Appendix No. 45.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Butcher

From the Committee on Surveys and Regulations, submitted a report with a Resolution, "to authorize the transfer of certain Items of appropriation to the Department of Surveys." (Appendix No. 46.)

Mr. Butcher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a Culvert on the line of Bank street, northwardly from Chesnut street, in the Sixth Ward. (Appendix No. 47.)

Mr. Butcher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with a recommendation that the Resolution from Select Council, "To authorize the grade regulations on a portion of the Twenty-third Ward be adopted. (Appendix No. 48.)

Mr. Butcher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a culvert on Race street in the Tenth Ward." (Appendix No. 49.)

Mr. Butcher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

Mr. Butcher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to a third reading of the Bill.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Butcher

Having withdrawn the motion to proceed to a third reading,

The Bill was laid on the table.

Also,

A report and Resolution to authorize the continuance of the Surveys in the First and Twenty-fourth Wards. (Appendix No. 50.)

Mr. Butcher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Wilmer

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to pay certain claims against the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 51.)

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to lay the Bill on the table.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to authorize the repaving of Pine street wharf on the Schuylkill. (Appendix No. 52.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Hacker,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Hacker, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Keller, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McManus, Perkins, Ridgway, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Hutchinson, Iseminger, Moyer, Taylor and Wilmer.

Yeas 33. Nays 5.

A quorum of members not having voted.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Cooper

Moved to adjourn

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 17th, 1857

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,

Baird,

Barnwell,

Black,

Boyer

Bromley,

Brown,

Burnell,

Butcher,

Clay,

Colhoon,

Conrad,

Cooper,

Crease,

Day,

Deal,

Drayton,

Faulkner,

Fitler,

Ford,

Fry,

Geisler,

Ginnodo,

Hall,

Handy,

Henszey.

Holman,

Messrs. Hutchinson,

Iseminger,

Jones,

Kane,

Keller,

Kelton,

Kerr,

King,

Kneass.

Lewis,

Maag,

Makins,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller, Andrew,

Morris,

Moyer,

McClellan,

McDonough,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

O'Neill,

Parker,

Perkins,

Potts,

Messrs. Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Thompson, John
Thompson, Oscar,
Vanhorn,

Messrs. Warnock,
Waterman,
Willey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Waterman

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following :

HEALTH OFFICE,
Philadelphia Dec. 17th, 1857.

To the President and Members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held on the 16th inst., the following Resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the fourth bill of the said Kain and Schafer, now in the hands of this Board, be sent to the City Solicitor, to whom the three former bills of the said contract have been placed by a Resolution of Councils.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board notify the Councils of the passage of the above Resolution, and that the above bill has been so disposed of.

[Extract from the Minutes.]

Attest,
WILLIAM M. RANDALL, Clerk,

Also, the following:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 17, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz:

On the 12th inst., An Ordinance to authorize the sale of City Loans, to pay the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on January 1st, 1858, and to make an appropriation for the payment of the same.

On the 12th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the first day of January, 1858.

On the 12th inst., A Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to institute suit against Messrs. Kane and Schafer.

On the 12th inst., A Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation made to the Police Department, for 1857.

On the 15th inst., An Ordinance to provide for the payment of a claim of Jesper Harding, and to transfer certain items of appropriation.

On the 16th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Joseph Manuel and others.

On the 16th inst., A Resolution to transfer a certain item of appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. John Thompson,

Presented a petition from Jacob B. Braddock, asking that the amount of judgment obtained by him against the City may be paid.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Baird,

One from citizens of the Fifth Ward, asking that a Culvert may be constructed from Front and Spruce street to Water street, and thence to Dock street.

Referred to the Committee on Girard Estates.

Mr. Barnwell,

One from citizens of the Ninth Ward, asking that Market street between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets may be re-paved.

Mr. Cooper,

One from owners of property on Fifth street, between Dauphin and York streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Stevenson,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property, inform Common Council the kind of timber used in the repairs of the Bridge over the Schuylkill River at Callowhill street : the cost per thousand feet of said timber ; the price paid for workmen per day ; and the net cost of repairs made to same ; a debit and credit account be shown in report.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Burnell

Presented a communication from John Burkard, of the Fifteenth Ward, asking for damages for injuries sustained in Logan Square.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A petition from the Hand in Hand Hose Company, asking for admission into the Fire Department.

Also,

One from the residents of the north western portion of the Fifteenth Ward, asking the privilege of organizing a Hose Company.

Mr. Mascher,

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the La Fayette Hose Company, for running out of their District.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. B. F. Wright,

A petition from owners of property on Stiles street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, and Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution (page 452, Common Council Journal,) providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee, to prepare and forward to the Legislature memorials for locating the Post Office in the present Custom House building

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 37, Common Council File, to make an appropriation to pay the expenses of the Law Department for the year 1858.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McManus,

Chairman of the Committee on Market Houses,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance declaring South street between Third and Eleventh streets, a stand for Markets." (Appendix No. 53.)

Also,

A report with "An Ordinance to regulate Market Stands." (Appendix No. 54,)

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Melloy,

From the Committee on Rail Roads of the Common Council, to which was referred the Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the widening of the space between the tracks on the City Rail Road," reported the same with the following amendments :

Insert after the words "Broad street" in the sixth line, the words "and at such points west of Broad street as may be necessary to make the same conform to the space between the tracks of the said," in lieu of the words "to conform to that of the."

Adding also, the following proviso : "Provided, that the said alterations and repairs shall be made according to the plan and agreeably to the directions of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 55.)

Mr. Melloy

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mascher,

From the Select Committee, to which was referred Bill No. 21, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a Department of Consolidated Gas Works.," reported the Bill with sundry amendments. (Appendix No. 56.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Parker,

From the Select Committee to which was referred a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make a temporary Loan," submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 57.)

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Bill attached to said report.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution on page 33, Common Council Appendix, providing for application to be made to the General Assembly for further legislation relative to taxation within the City of Philadelphia.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Jones,

From the Committee on Law, to which was referred the Bill No. 32, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Board of Health." submitted a majority report. (Appendix No. 58.)

Mr. Kneass,

From the same Committee, submitted a minority report, with a Resolution attached. (Appendix No. 59.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Jones

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 32, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Board of Health."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Jones,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Burnell, Clay, Colhoon, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Hall, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Jones, Kane, Kerr, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, McDonough, Mellwain, McMakin, McNeal, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Deal, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Henszey, Iseminger, Keller, Kelton, King, Kneass, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McManus, O'Neill, Parker, Perkins, Ridgway, Schoch, Steel, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Waterman, Wildey and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 34. Nays 40.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McManus

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 33, Common Council File, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved October

19, 1854, entitled An Ordinance to establish the Department of Market Houses.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to the Ordinance reorganizing the Department of Surveys, and prescribing the power and duties of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and District Surveyors and Regulators, passed October 25th, 1855."

Mr. Miller

Moved that the same be laid on the table, and printed for the use of the members.

Agreed to.

Also,

The following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils meet in their respective chambers on Saturday the 19 inst., at 1½ o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Albert B. Ashton, late a member of Select Council from the Third Ward, and that the Clerks make arrangements for the funeral.

Also,

A Bill, entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert in Twelfth street, in the Fourteenth Ward, passed October 6th, A. D., 1857.' "

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with such agent or attorney as he may, in conjunction with the Superintendent of, and the Committee on Girard Estates, appoint, to prosecute before Congress the claim of the City of Philadelphia, to certain lands in Louisiana, devised to the City, by Stephen Girard

Also,

A Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation to the Board of Controllors of Public Schools.

Also,

A Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor,

With the following amendments:

“FIRST:—To strike out the appropriation of two hundred dollars to item 14, for incidental expenses of Hospital and Lunatic Asylum.”

SECOND:—To strike out the appropriation of two hundred dollars to item 56, for incidental expenses to Alms House.

THIRD:—To strike out the appropriation of one hundred and eight dollars to item 61, for salary of Messenger.

FOURTH:—To strike out the appropriation of eight hundred dollars to item 82, for Stationary.

FIFTH:—To reduce the amount to be transferred from item 71, to the sum of sixteen hundred and ninety-two dollars, in the place of three thousand dollars.”

Also,

A Resolution requesting the Committee on Police to inquire what alterations are needed in the cells of the Central Station House.

Also,

A Resolution discharging the Committee from the further consideration of the subject of difficulties between the Commissioner of City Property and a Sub-committee of the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A Resolution directing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to make plans and estimates for the construction of an additional Reservoir at the Schuylkill Works.

Also,

That they have concurred in the amendments to the

Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the widening of the space between the tracks on the City Rail Road."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on a temporary loan and for other purposes."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of certain Trust Funds to the Superintendent of Trusts to invest in City Loan."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on the line of Bank, northwardly from Chestnut St., in the Sixth Ward."

Also,

In the Resolution from Common Council, entitled "Resolution to authorize the paving of Twentieth and Twenty-second Streets, in the Fifteenth Ward and for other purposes."

Also,

In the Resolution to place in the hands of the Mayor, the original testimony taken by the Committee to investigate the transactions of the Board of Health, &c.

Also,

In the Resolution transferring an item of appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital.

Also,

In the Resolution admitting the Columbia Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Also,

In the Resolution to pay E. N. Creighton balance of salary due him as Assistant Engineer of the Steam Fire Engine Young America.

Also,

In the Resolution discharging the Committee on Trust and Fire Department from the further consideration of the Spring Garden and Liberty Engine Companies, asking for a loan of hose and a donation of five hundred dollars.

Mr. B. F. Wright

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business from Select Council on the Presidents Table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mc Manus and Holman,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Burnell, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Ginnodo, Hall, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Jones, Kane, Keller, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Perkins, Schoch, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Crease, Deal, Drayton, Ford, Fry, Handy, Iseminger, Kelton, King, Mascher, Moyer, Parker, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and Williams.

Yeas 45. Nays 22.

Agreed to.

The Resolution providing for the transfer of certain items of appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water for the year 1857,

Was read twice, considered and adopted.

The Resolution authorizing the Controllers of Public Schools to make the necessary repairs to the Roof of the Zane street School House,

Was read twice, considered and adopted.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appre-

priation out of the income of the Girard Estates for the purposes therein mentioned, was considered.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Resolution to change a certain item of appropriation to the Department of Market Houses,

Was read twice, considered and adopted.

The Resolution directing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw a warrant in favor of Eliza A. Smith, for amount of water rent overpaid by her,

Was read twice, considered and adopted.

The Resolutions directing the Commissioner on City Property to provide temporary improvements to the offices of Prothonotary of the District Court and Common Pleas, &c., being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to lay the same on the table.

Agreed to.

The Report from the Joint Special Committee on means to alleviate the condition of the poor, with Resolutions annexed recommending the prosecution of certain works and adversely to the issuing of warrants as a currency, being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to lay the same on the table.

Not agreed to.

The Resolutions were then read a second time and adopted.

The Resolution to authorize the Department of Surveys to prepare the grade regulation of a certain portion of the Fourth Section of the late Township of Northern Liberties, being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Surveys.

Agreed to.

The Resolution directing the City Solicitor to ascertain and recover the rights of the City to a certain lot of ground on Chestnut street, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Was read twice, considered and adopted.

The Resolution instructing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify the owners of property along Tenth street, between Columbia Avenue and Germantown Road, to have their side-walks paved within sixty days.

Being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to lay the same on the table.

Agreed to.

The Resolution for widening the Delaware Avenue at certain points, being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Girard Estates.

Agreed to.

The Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with such Agent or Attorney as he may, in conjunction with the Superintendent of, and the Committee on Girard Estates, appoint to prosecute before Congress the claim of the City of Philadelphia, to certain lands in Louisiana, devised to the City by Stephen Girard,

Was read twice, considered and adopted.

The Bill entitled "A further Supplement to an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert in Twelfth street, in the Fourteenth Ward, passed October 6th, A. D., 1857,'" being under consideration,

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The amendments of Select Council to Common Council Bill No. 17, "To authorize the construction of the Cohock-sink Creek, Vine street, Moore street and Twenty-fifth street culverts, being under consideration,

Mr. Sites

Moved to add as follows, "And provided that the owners of property on Thompson street and Germantown Road, be exonerated from the payment of the seventy-five cents per foot, as provided for in this Ordinance."

Mr. Drayton

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Surveys.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend the amendment as follows :

"That the same be referred to the Committee on Finance, providing for the payment of said Work."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Sites.

It was agreed to.

And the amendments as amended were concurred in.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

On leave granted, submitted a report with Bills entitled "Ordinances to make appropriations to the Departments of Surveys, Inspectors of the County Prison, Water, Highways, &c., City Property, Superintendent of Trusts, Receiver of Taxes, Police, Market Houses, City Commissioner, Fire Department and Board of Guardians of the Poor, and also, to the Superintendent of Trusts, out of certain trust funds for that purpose. (Appendix No. 60.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. McMakin,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, that when this Council adjourns it adjourns to meet on Tuesday, December 22d, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the appropriation Bills be made the order of the day.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to strike out all after "P. M."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Kneass,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Whereas, The Committee on Finance did on the 3d inst., present a report showing gross misconduct in direct conflict with Law, on the part of certain members of the Board of Health mentioned in the said report,

Resolved, That it be referred to the appropriate Committee to prepare charges, based upon the misconduct so reported, against the said members. with a view to their im

peachment for misdemeanors in office, their trial by the Select Council in the manner provided by law, and their removal from office, in case the said charges are sustained.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present, for the purpose of acting on the Resolution from Select Council, providing for the meeting of Councils on Saturday next to attend the funeral of A. B. Ashton, deceased.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was then read twice and adopted.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 19th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum of members being present.

The President

Announced the object of the meeting to be the attendance of the funeral of Albert B. Ashton, deceased, late a member of Select Council from the Third Ward.

Whereupon,

On motion,

Council adjourned and proceeded in a body to join the members of Select Council for the aforesaid purpose.

TUESDAY, December 22, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,

Baird,

Barnwell,

Boyer,

Bromley,

Butcher,

Colhoon,

Conrad,

Cooper,

Day,

Deal,

Dougherty,

Drayton,

Faulkner,

Fitler,

Ford,

Geisz,

Ginnodo,

Hall,

Handy,

Hutchinson,

Jones,

Kane,

Keller,

Kelton,

Kerr,

King,

Messrs. Kneass,

Maag,

Makins,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller, Andrew,

Moyer,

McDonough,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

O'Neill,

Palethorp,

Parker,

Perkins,

Ridgway,

Schoch,

Sites.

Steel,

Stevenson,

Taylor,

Thompson, John,

Vanhorn,

Vasey,

Warnock,

Waterman,

Messrs. Wildey,
Williams,
Wilmer,

Messrs. Wolf,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The appropriation Bills being the order of the day.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 36, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils for the year 1858."

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 37, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Law Department, for the year 1858." being under consideration.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 38, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Controller, for the year 1858."

Being under consideration.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 39, Common Council File, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasury, for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 40, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the City, for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 41, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 42, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for furnishing Gas and lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps, and for the erection of new Lamps, for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 43, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of managers of Wills' Hospital, for the use of said Hospital, for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 44, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools in the said District, for the year 1858."

Being under consideration.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Bill No. 45, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purpose of paying for the surveying of the Boudinot Lands."

Being under consideration.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by adding to Section 1, "Provided that the said appropriation shall be subject to the future action of Councils."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 50, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the expenses thereof for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to amend by adding to Section One as follows, Item 7, for Clerk hire for office, for the year 1857, five hundred dollars."

Mr. Cooper

Moved to refer the amendment to the Committee on Claims.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. McMakin,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Jones

Moved to strike out in the fourteenth line, "For Clerk Hire for office, five hundred dollars."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Conrad, Cooper, Faulkner, Ford Jones, Keller, Kelton, Makins, Perkins, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Deal, Drayton, Fitler, Geisz, Handy, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Melloy, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 13. Nays 37.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to add after the word "dollars" in the fourteenth line, as follows : "and the clerk in said office, shall be nominated by the Commissioners of Markets, and approved and confirmed by Select Council."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 51, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 52 Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by adding in the twelfth line of the First Section, after the word "dollars," as follows :

"Provided, that it shall not be lawful for the City Controller to countersign any Warrant for the payment of the salary of any Police Officer, who shall not have previously been nominated to and confirmed by Select Council."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Fitler and Ford,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Cooper, Deal, Faulkner, Ford, Ginnodo, Handy, King, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Melloy, Moyer, Mc

Ilwain, McMakin, Parker, Perkins, Schoch, Taylor and Vanhorn,

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Drayton, Fidler, Hall, Keller, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Sites, Vasey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 19. Nays 21.

A quorum of members not having voted it was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Kneass and Butcher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Cooper, Faulkner, Keller, Makins, Moyer, McFadden, Palethorp, Parker, Vanhorn and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Butcher, Colhoon, Drayton, Ford, Handy, Jones, Kneass, Maag, Perkins, Vasey and Wilmer.

Yeas 10. Nays 12.

A quorum of members not having voted,
The President

Declared Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 24th, 1857

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,

Austin,

Baird,

Bassitt,

Black,

Boyer

Bromley,

Brown,

Burnell,

Burns,

Butcher,

Conrad,

Cooper,

Crease,

Day,

Drayton,

Fitler,

Ford,

Fry,

Geisler,

Hall,

Handy,

Holman,

Hutchinson,

Iseminger,

Jones,

Kane,

Messrs. Keller,

Kelton,

Kershaw,

King,

Kneass,

Maag,

Makins,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller, Andrew,

Morris,

Moyer,

McClean,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

O'Neill,

Palethorp,

Parker,

Perkins,

Ridgway,

Schoch,

Sites,

Steel,

Stevenson,

Taylor.

Messrs. Thompson, John,	Messrs. Waterman,
Thompson, Oscar,	Willey,
Vasey,	Wilmer,
Warnock,	Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, President.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Crease

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the City Commissioners, submitting a statement of the amount inserted on the Tax Duplicate of 1857, after investigation and correction of the same. (Appendix No. 61.)

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 24th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 17th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on a temporary loan, and for other purposes.

On the 22d inst., An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain in Bank street, north-westwardly from Chesnut street, Sixth Ward.

On the 22d inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of certain Trust Funds, to the Superintendent of Trusts to invest in City Loan

On the 22d inst., A Resolution authorizing the paving of Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, in Fifteenth Ward, and for other purposes.

On the 23d inst., A Resolution to change item of appropriation to Will's Hospital.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

A Communication from Eugene Ahern, Commissioner of City Property, transmitting a statement of the kind of timber used in the repairs to the Bridge over the Schuylkill, at Callowhill street: The cost per thousand feet of the same; the price of workmen per day; the net cost of repairs made; and a debit and credit account thereof, as required by Resolution of Common Council, passed December 17th, 1857. (Appendix No. 62.)

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A Petition from citizens of the Sixth Fire District, asking that a donation of 500 feet of hose may be made to Nicetown Hose Company.,

Also,

One from the Fairmount Hose Company, for the payment of a back appropriation.

Also,

Petitions of like import from the Fairmount Engine Company, the Independence Engine Company, the Western Engine Company, and the Pennsylvania Hose Company.

Also,

One from the Mechanic Engine Company, asking that a Bell may be placed on their house.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Hutchinson

One from owners of property on Carpenter's Court asking that a Fire Plug may be placed in said Court.

Mr. Keller,

One of like import from the Western Engine Company, asking that a Fire Plug may be placed in front of their building.

Mr. Waterman

One from residents in the vicinity of Fifteenth and Market streets, asking for the removal of a Fire Plug.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Andrew Miller

One from John Foreman, asking for the payment of Damages incurred by the opening of Columbia street in the Seventeenth Ward.

Mr. Vasey,

One from owners of property on Logan street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. Keller,

One of like import from the owners of property on Fennimore street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Bromley,

One of like import from owners of property on Spring street, in the Twenty-first ward.

Mr. Arnold,

One of like import from owners of property on certain parts of Indian Queen Lane, in the Twenty-first Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways,

Mr. Warnock

One from owners of property on Centre street, in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed therein.

Mr. McManus,

One from owners of property on Salmon street, between William and Somerset streets, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed therein.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Stevenson,

One from citizens and consumers of Gas in the old District of Northern Liberties, asking that Councils may adopt suitable measures to equalize the price of Gas.

Messrs. Wilmer, Maag and McFadden,

Each one of like import.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business from Select Council, on the President's table.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a Report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the year 1858, and to supply a deficiency of 1856." (Appendix No. 63.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A Report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claims of William B. Mann and others, against the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 64.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the appropriation Bills.

Agreed to.

The amendment offered by Mr. Mascher at the last meeting, to the First Section of the Bill No. 52, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1858, viz: to add in the twelfth line after the word "dollars" as follows:

"Provided, it shall not be lawful for the City Controller to countersign any warrant for the payment of the salary of any Police Officer who shall not have been previously nominated to and confirmed by Select Council."

Being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to strike out the words, "and confirmed by."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Mascher.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Cooper,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Bassitt, Black, Bromley, Brown Conrad, Cooper, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Handy, Kelton, King, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Melloy, Morris, Moyer, McIlwain, Parker, Ridgway, Schoch, Steel, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, and Wildey.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Crease, Day, Drayton, Fidler, Geisler, Hall, Holman, Jones, Kane, Keller, Andrew Miller, McClean, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Sites, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 26 Nays 35.

Not agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.
The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution entitled "A Resolution to transfer items of appropriation to the Department of clerks of Councils."

Also,

That they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the release of certain property from the lien of a mortgage."

Also,

That they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance amending an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance calling for plans and estimates for a Bridge over the River Schuylkill, at Chesnut street.

Also,

That they have passed A Resolution to appoint a Joint Special Committee of three members, to examine and report in relation to the expenditures and receipts of the Board of Guardians of the Poor.

Also,

That they have passed A Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, out of the income of certain Trusts, to be appropriated according to the requirements of of the respective Trusts."

Also,

That they have passed A Resolution deeming it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Trustees of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking to be exempted from the payment of the expense of laying water pipe in front of their grounds.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the business on the President's table from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution requesting the Committee on Police to inquire what alterations are made in the cells of the Central Station House,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution directing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to make plans and estimates for the construction of an additional Reservoir at the Schuylkill Works,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution discharging the Committee from the further consideration of the difficulties between the Commissioner of City Property and a Sub-committee on City Property,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance amending an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance calling for plans and estimates for a Bridge over the River Schuylkill, at Chesnut street,'"

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the release of certain properties from the lien of a Mortgage,"

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Resolution to transfer Items of appropriation to the Department of Clerks of Councils,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution to authorize the transfer of certain Items of appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution to appoint a Joint Special Committee of three members from each Chamber, to examine and report in relation to the expenditures and receipts of the Board of Guardians of the Poor,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to strike out the words "Joint Special Committee, of three members from each Chamber be appointed," and insert in lieu thereof, the words " Committee on Poor be directed."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Alexander,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Black, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Cooper, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Hall, Handy, Jones, Kelton, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Sites, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Keller and Andrew Miller.

Yeas 36. Nays 2.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Day

Offered the following :

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, December 29, 1857, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering the appropriation Bills.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay claims of William B. Mann and others, against the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for furnishing gas, and lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps, and for the erection of new Lamps for the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills' Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department for the year 1858, and to pay claims incurred during the years 1854 and 1855."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the City, for the year 1858, with the following amendment, viz :

Amend by adding at the end of the First Section as follows: "Provided, that not more than \$ 100 out of Item 1 or 2 shall be expended in any one month unless by special authority of Councils."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1858," with the following amendment:

Amend Section 1, by adding at the end of Item 5 thereof, as follows: "Provided, that not more than \$ 100 of Item 5 of said appropriation shall be expended in any one month unless by special authority of Councils."

Also,

Informed Common Council, that in the opinion of the Select Council, the amendment of Common Council to the amendment of Select Council to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of Cohocksink Creek, Vine street, Moore street and Twenty-fifth street culverts," is out of order, because the amendment of Common Council destroys a portion of the Original Bill, and is not germane to the amendment of Select Council, and in as much therefore, as parliamentary usage has been departed from, the Select Council ask a conference with the Common Council in relation to the propriety of the amendment of the latter, and have appointed as a Committee on their part, Messrs. Beideman, Verree and Cornman.

Mr. Barnwell

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 29, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,

Austin,

Baird,

Bassitt,

Black,

Boyer,

Bromley,

Burnell,

Butcher,

Cooper,

Day,

Drayton,

Faulkner,

Fitler,

Ford,

Fry,

Geisz,

Hacker,

Holman,

Hutchinson,

Jones,

Keller,

Kelton,

King,

Kneass,

Maag,

Messrs. Makins,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller, Andrew,

Morriss,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

Palethorp,

Parker,

Perkins,

Schoch,

Sites,

Stevenson,

Thompson, John,

Thompson, Oscar,

Vanhorn,

Vasey,

Waterman,

Wilkey,

Williams,

Wilmer,

Wolf,

Wright, B. F.,

Wright, C. S.

Miller, John, President.

Bill No. 53, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, to meet the expenses of that Department for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend the First Section in line 45, item 26, by striking out "nine" and inserting "eight."

Agreed to.

Also,

Amend in line 72, item 27, by striking out "said."

Agreed to.

Also,

Amend in line 90, item 36, by striking out "Constable" and adding after the word "Fees," the words "of constables for making returns of unlicensed houses."

Agreed to.

Also,

Add to the end of the Section as follows:

Item 69—For preparing Jury tickets and Recording Jurors, three hundred dollars.

Item 70—For books for return of State Taxes to the State Treasurer, fifty dollars.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend in line 33, by striking out "six," and inserting "four."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend in line 43, by adding after the word "requisition," as follows:

And provided further, that no Bill shall be paid out of item, 20, 21, 22, until the City Solicitor shall certify such Bill to be correct, and that the charges therein are not greater than is allowed by Law, and no warrant for any such Bill shall be countersigned by the City Controller until the officer presenting it has fully accounted to the said Controller at the period required by Law, for all Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties and Jury fees, that may have come into his hands.

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 54, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Receiver of Taxes, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 55, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 56, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property,

Being uuder consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend Section 1, by adding thereto, as follows :

Item 28—For placing upon the Trees in the Squares of the City the names thereof, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars. And the Commissioner is hereby authorised and directed to have fastened upon each tree in such manner as not to injure it, the Botanical and Popular Name of said Tree.

Agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved to amend in line 28, item 12, by striking out "one" and inserting "two."

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend by adding after the word "dollars," in line 27, as follows :

That the Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby directed to cause notice to be given forthwith to each occupant of any paat of said Fairmount Park, and that the City of Philadelphia will require the absolute possession of the entire premises, on the first day of April next, and the City Solicitor is hereby authorized and instructed to take such legal steps as may be necessary to ensure such possession to the city at that date.

Mr. Mascher

Moved the previous question and was sustained by the following members rising in their places. to wit :

Messrs. Fitler, Mascher, Jones, Palethorp, Day, Williams, Holman, Bromley, Boyer, Drayton, Butcher, Geisz, Magg and McFadden.

And on the question,

“Shall the main question be now put?”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Parker,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Black, Boyer, Faulkner, Geisz, Jones, Maag, Mascher, McIlwain, Schoch and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Burnell, Butcher, Cooper, Day, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Hacker, Holman, Hutchinson, Keller, Kelton, King, Kneass, Makins, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Sites, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Williams, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 11. Nays 35.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Kneass

Moved to lay the amendment of Mr. King on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and O'Neill,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Burnell, Butcher, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisz, Holman, Hutchinson, Jones, Keller, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Williams, Wilmer, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Cooper, Ford, Fry, Hacker, Kelton, King, Makins, McIlwain, Parker, Sites, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Wildey, Wolf and John Miller, Pres't.

Yeas 32. Nays 16.

Agreed to.

Mr. Burnell

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Mr. Parker was agreed to.

Agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to recommit the Bill with the amendment to the Committee on Finance.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to strike out "\$ 500 " and insert "\$ 250."

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Parker.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend as follows, strike out "Spring Garden", "Kensington" and "Moyamensing," in item 5, and strike out "\$ 3140" in same item, and insert "\$ 2460."

And add to end of item 5, "and that the offices of Superintendents of Spring Garden, Kensington and Moyamensing Halls, be abolished from and after the passage of this Ordinance, and that the Commissioner of City Property, is hereby forbid giving permits for the use of the Public Hall, belonging to the city, for balls or parties, and in no case shall he permit the use of said Halls for any other purpose unless a majority of the Committee on City Property shall be first had and obtained for the same."

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "parties."

Not agreed to

The question being on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Drayton,

Mr. Miller

Called for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division, viz: ending with the word "Ordinance."

It was agreed to.

The second division was not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend in line 43, Item 22, by striking out "one" and inserting "two."

Agreed to.

Also,

Strike out "\$ 1250" in Item 27 and insert "\$ 2000."

Agreed to.

Also,

Insert "and 24" after "18," in the proviso at close of first section, and insert "in any one month" between the word "dollars" and the word "or."

Agreed to.

Also,

Amend the First Section, in line 2, by striking out "\$ 55,982" and inserting "\$ 57,552."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Holman

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Bill No. 57, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend the First Section by adding thereto as follows :

"Item 21, for Sign Boards for placing names of streets on the corners thereof, when directed by Councils, three thousand dollars."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend as follows :

Strike out of second line, second section, the words "special authority" and insert in lieu thereof "Ordinance or Resolution."

And add after the word "Councils" the words "heretofore passed or hereafter to be passed."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to re-consider the vote by which the First Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out in line 2, "\$ 387,500," and inserting "\$ 390,500."

Agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Girard College, for the year 1858."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department, for the year 1858."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purpose of paying for the surveying of the 'Boudinot Lands.'"

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Receiver of Taxes, for the year 1858."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, to meet the expenses of that Department for the year 1858."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasury, for the year 1858."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller, for the year 1858."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Law Department, for the year 1858."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils, for the expenses of Councils for the year 1858."

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 31st, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer
Bromley,
Burnell,
Butcher,
Clay,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Handy,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,

Messrs. Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McClean,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson.

Messrs. Taylor,
Thompson, John
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,
Waterman,

Messrs. Wildey,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Ford

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

December 31, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolution have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 26th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay claims of William B. Mann, and others against the City of Philadelphia.

On the 26th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills' Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1858.

On the 26th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year 1858.

On the 28th inst., A Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor.

On the 31st inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department, for the year 1858.

On the 31st inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Law Department for the year 1858.

On the 31st inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasury for the year 1858.

On the 31st inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Receiver of Taxes for the year 1858.

On the 31st inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils for the year 1858.

On the 31st inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purpose of paying for the surveying of the Boudinot Lands.

On the 31st inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned.

On the 31st inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller for the year 1858.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from Spencer Hyde, asking for relief.

Referred to the Committee on Poor.

Mr. Taylor,

A petition from owners of property on State street, between Seventh and Eighth, in the First Ward, asking for a gas lamp.

Mr. Handy,

One of like import from citizens on Dobbin street, between Spruce and Delaney streets, and Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

Mr. Alexander, '

One of like import from citizens in Second, below Morris street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One from James McIlwain, asking for the payment of damages incurred by the opening of Thirty-second street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Also,

One from citizens of Twenty-third Ward, asking for the opening and grading Alleghany Avenue, from Emerald street to Frankford Road.

Mr. Warnock,

One of like import from citizens of Twenty-second Ward, to connect Mill street with Haines Street, between Hancock street and the Bristol Township line or Bristol street.

Mr. Holman

One from owners of property on Cumberland street, from Frankford Road to Jasper street, asking that the same may be paved.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Baird

A Communication from Isaac Barrett & Son, asking that Pine street Wharf may be paved.

Referred to Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Warnock

Presented a communication from the Germantown Hose Company, asking for a donation of five hundred feet of Hose.

Mr. Maseher

A communication from the Northern Liberty Hose Company, offering to purchase the Hose of the Steam Fire Engine Young America.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. McFadden,

A Bill from Beatty and Wooley, for gutter stone delivered on Fifth below Georges street.

Mr. Melloy

A Bill from E. T. Charnley, for services rendered City Commissioners in 1856,

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to continue the eight temporary Clerks in the office of the Receiver of Taxes, until the first day of April, 1858. (Appendix No. 65.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of certain Bills for the printing of Extra Assessments." (Appendix No. 66.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. King,

On leave granted, submitted a report from the Special Committee on Gas Works. (Appendix No. 67.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with Resolutions in relation to the charges preferred by the Chief Engineer against certain Companies belonging to the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 68.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Kane,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a Report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the construction of a culvert on Susquehanna Avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 69.)

Mr. Kane

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to,

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Day

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present.

Agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a Report with a Resolution, to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George H. Beaumont. (Appendix No. 70.)

Mr. Kane

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business from Select Council, on the President's table.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McManus

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 47, Common Council File, declaring South street between Third and Eleventh streets a stand for Market Wagons.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the appropriation Bills.

Agreed to.

Bill No. 58, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend the First Section in line 30, item 17, by adding "and for salary of two Firemen at same works, nine hundred dollars."

Agreed to.

Also,

Amend in line 72, same Section, by striking out "35" after "34," and inserting between "34" and "unless,"

the words "or from Item 35 exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars in any one month."

Agreed to.

Mr. Vasey

Moved to amend the section by adding to the end thereof as follows:

"Item 42, for introducing Gas into the Fairmount Works, five hundred dollars."

Agreed to.

Mr. Fitler

Moved to strike out Item 41.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to amend Item 34, by adding thereto as follows:

"Provided that all digging or excavation for the laying of pipe, shall be done by contract, to be given to the best and lowest bidder, under the supervision of the Committee on Water Works.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Water Works.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Fitler

Moved to amend Item 41, to be added at the end thereof.

Provided, That before any money is paid as provided for in this item, the Committee on Water Works shall inquire into the number of Plugs, and whether the City is liable for the payment thereof as contemplated in this Ordinance, and report the same to Councils.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Section as amended,

It was agreed to.

The Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend the second line of the First Section, by striking out “\$ 137,110” and inserting “\$ 145,510.”

Agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the consideration of the appropriation Bills, to proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business from Select Council.

Not agreed to.

Bill No. 59, Common Council File, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1858,”

Being under consideration,

Mr Warnock

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Resolution to discharge the Committee on Surveys and Regulations, from the further consideration of the Petition of George H. Beaumont, for the construction of a culvert.

Also,

In the Resolution authorizing the Receiver of Taxes, to continue eight temporary clerks until the 1st day of April, 1858.

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property for the expenses thereof, for the year 1858," with the following amendments,

Amend the first section by striking out Item 28, for placing upon the Trees in the Squares of the City the names thereof, the sum of five hundred dollars, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to have fastened upon each tree in such manner as not to injure it, the Botanical and popular name of said Tree.

Also,

Amend by adding as follows to the First Section,

Item 28—To pay an instalment on the principal sum of the Mortgage on Sedgley Park, ten thousand dollars."

Also,

Amend in the second line, by striking out "\$ 57,500" and inserting "\$ 67,000."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, for the year 1858," with the following amendment:

Amend by adding at the end of the First Section as follows:

Item 22—To pay for advertising and plans and estimates for the construction of a Bridge over the River Schuylkill at Chesnut street, one thousand dollars.”

Also,

Amend Item 10, by striking out “four” and inserting “six.”

Also,

Amend in the same Section in the third line, by adding after the word “ninety” the word “three,” making the amount read “three hundred and ninety three thousand five hundred dollars.”

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Fry,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Fry, Moyer, Parker, Warnock, and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Day, Drayton, Ford, Handy, Holman, Jones, Kane, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McMakin, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, John Thompson, Vasey, Waterman, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 5. Nays 25.

A quorum of members not having voted,

The President

Declared Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 7th. 1858

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Hacker,
Hall,
Handy,
Holman,

Messrs. Iseminger,

Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
McClellan,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Ridgway,
Schoch,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,

Thompson, Oscar,	Messrs. Wildey,
Tuder,	Williams,
Vanhorn,	Wilmer,
Vasey,	Wolf,
Warnock,	Wright, B. F.,
Waterman,	Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, President.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Waterman

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
January 7th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 2d inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department, for the year 1858, and to pay claims incurred during the years 1854 and 1855.

On the 2d inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation for furnishing Gas, and lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps, and for the erection of new lamps for the year 1858.

On the 7th inst., A Resolution continuing certain temporary Clerks in the office of the Receiver of Taxes.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also the following :

Philadelphia Dec. 31, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

Having been elected to a position which will prevent my attending to the duties of a member of Common Council, you will please accept my resignation from your honorable body.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN M. MELLOX.

Also, the following :

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 7th, 1858.

To the Select and Common Council
of the City of Philadelphia

GENTLEMEN :

I hereby tender my resignation of the office of City Solicitor, to take effect on and after the next meeting of Councils, on the fourteenth instant.

Very Respectfully Yours,

WILLIAM A. PORTER.

Which were read and laid on the table,

Mr. Drayton

Presented a petition from Richard A. Gilpin, asking for a change of grade on Twentieth street.

Mr. Stevenson,

One from owners of property and citizens, asking that certain streets in the Twenty-first Ward may be surveyed and regulated, in accordance with the report of Special Committee on Surveys, of the Eighth District.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Mascher

Presented the twenty-third Annual report of the Wills' Hospital. (Appendix No. 71.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. B. F. Wright,

A Petition from Thomas Doyle, asking payment of amount due him as Sub-contractor, for cleansing the Thirteenth District.

Mr. Geisler,

One from owners of property on Coral street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Bromley,

One of like import from owners of property on School street, in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Wards.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Geisler,

One from owners of property on Howard street above Morris, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking for the location of a Public Lamp.

Mr. Moyer,

One of like import from owners of property at the corner of Jefferson and Randolph streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Mascher,

A petition from the Philadelphia Hose Company, asking that a Fire Alarm Box may be placed in their building.

Also,

A petition from J. and S. Parham, inventors of a new Fire Plug, asking permission to place the same upon one of the streets for experiment.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report with Resolutions to authorize the re-paving of certain streets in the several Wards therein named. (Appendix No. 72.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a minority report on the subject of the charges preferred by the Chief Engineer against certain Fire Companies, for disobedience. (Appendix No. 73.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the majority report of same Committee on the subject.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Day, Iseminger, Makins, Mascher, McMakin, Parker, Ridgway, Stevenson, Tudor, Warnock, Waterman and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Holman, Keller, Kerr, King, Maag, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, John

Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 16. Nays 39.

Not agreed to.

Also,

A report and Resolution to admit the Fame Hose Company into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 74.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

The Quarterly report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 75.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Alexander,

On leave granted, read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the further extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works." (Appendix No. 76.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Kane,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the construction of branch culverts or drains." (Appendix No. 77.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. King

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution (Appendix No. 3,) recommending the passage of An Act of Assembly, in relation to the Taxation of the City.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Butcher, Ginnodo, Haacker, Hall, Holman, Iseminger, King, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, McManus, Parker, Perkins, Ridgway, Steel, John Thompson, Tuder, Vanhorn, Wildey and Williams.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Geisler, Handy, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Makins, Mascher, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, Schoch, Stevenson, Vasey, Waterman, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 26. Nays 31.

Not agreed to.

The President

Made the following appointments to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of Members, viz :

Mr. Burnell,

On the Committee on City Property in the place of Mr. Kauffman, deceased.

Mr. McIlwain

On the Committee on Girard Estates, in the place of Mr. Melloy.

Mr. Jones,

On the Committee on Rail Roads, in the place of Mr. Melloy.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution to meet in convention this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to elect two Directors for the North Pennsylvania Rail Road.

Mr. Fitler

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and concurred in.

Mr. Steel

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill No. 20, Common Council File, supplementary to "An Ordinance to prevent the sale of Game when out of Season," approved January 22d, 1857.

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same until the next meeting of Council.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Steel.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Wihner and Conrad,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Ford, Geisz, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kelton, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Conrad, Mascher and Williams.

Yeas 46. Nays 3.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the appropriation Bills.

Agreed to.

The hour of four having arrived, the officers and members of Select Council were introduced, and being assembled in Convention,

The President

Announced the object thereof, to be the election of two Directors of the North Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.

The Convention proceeded to an election for the same.

The Clerks acting as tellers, reported that 69 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Benton, Bradford, Cuyler, Foster, Frailey, Gamble, Horrocks, Kline, Maison, Mott, Nathans, Schofield, Taylor, Williams and Wharton, President,

15, voted for Thomas S. Fernon and William L. Hirst.

Select Council,

Mr. Neal,

1, voted for Thomas S. Fernon.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisz, Geisler, Hall, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President,

53, voted for Thomas S. Fernon and William L. Hirst.

In all, 69 votes.

Thomas S. Fernon and William L. Hirst having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected.

The Convention then adjourned and Select Council retired.

Bill No. 60, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend the First Section as follows ;

Strike out "eight," in the second line, and insert "nine," and in same line, strike out "two," and insert "three."

Strike out "one," after "thousand," in the sixth line, and insert "three."

Strike out "five hundred dollars," in the twenty-first line, and insert "one thousand dollars."

Strike out "five," after the figure "six," in twenty-eighth line, and insert "eight."

Strike out "five," after the figure "six," in thirty-first line, and insert "eight."

Strike out "William," in the forty-sixth line, and insert "Samuel."

Strike out "seven," in the forty-seventh line, and insert "nine."

Strike out Items 21 and 25.

Strike out "one thousand five hundred dollars," in the twenty-third Item, and insert "two thousand five hundred dollars."

Strike out "five," in the fifty-seventh line, and insert "nine."

Strike out the words "by the Commissioners of," in the seventy-third line, and insert "in."

Insert in the seventy-fifth line, the words "and print and," before the word "during," also, strike out "two thousand dollars," and insert "seventeen hundred dollars."

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out lines 65 and 66.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Parker,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Barnwell, Boyer, Colhoon, Dougherty, Geisz, Geisler, Iseminger, Kelton, Kerr, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, Schoch, Stevenson, Taylor and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Black, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Day, Drayton, Ginnodo, Hacker, Handy, Holman, Kane, Keller, King, Kneass, Makins, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 17. Nays 35.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend the Section by adding thereto, as follows, to come in at the end :

"And provided further, that in any case, where the District Regulator shall neglect or refuse to regulate any lot, within ten days after he has been notified to do so, it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to regulate and lay out any such lot or lots, and to receive the fee or charge therefor."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 61, Common Council File, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of certain funds to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purpose therein mentioned,

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 62, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for expenses of that Department for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Bromley

Moved to amend the First Section, in the one hundred and sixty-fourth line by striking out "six hundred dollars," and inserting, "four hundred and fifty dollars."

Agreed to.

Also,

Strike out in the one hundred and sixty-fifth line, "Five," and insert "Eight."

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to strike out in the eightieth line. "for oil \$ 3000 " and insert :

“ For introduction of gas into the Almshouse from Plank Road, pipe, stopcocks, fixtures and labor,		\$ 7,200
For Gas for 1858,		400
For Oil,		200

\$ 7,800

Provided that no part of this Item shall be expended
without the further order of Councils.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the
same for the present.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to lay the motion to postpone for the present
on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker
and Wildey,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird,
Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Day,
Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Handy, Holman,
Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins,
Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, Mellwain,
O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Taylor, John Thomp-
son, Vanhorn, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F.
Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hall,
Kelton, King, McManus, Parker, Stevenson, Oscar Thomp-
son, Tudor and Wildey.

Yeas 39. Nays 13.

Agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Mr. McMakin,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Called for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division, viz: all before the word "Provided,"

It was agreed to,

The second division was agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to add in the ninety-fifth line after the word "dollars," "and for boarding eight Assistant Resident Physicians, at \$ 4.00 each per week, \$ 1664."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend in line one hundred, by adding "powder for Quarrying Stone \$ 150, and" after the word "for."

Agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend the amount in the second line, by striking out "\$ 188,140," and inserting "\$ 196,837."

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Fry,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Geisler, Hall, Handy, Holman, Isenminger, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin,

McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Wilmer, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Parker.

Yeas 42. Nays 1.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Geisler, Hall, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, Melwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Wilmer, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution, directing the Committee on Water Works to inquire into the propriety and policy of charging water rent on all buildings, in streets and avenues in which water pipes have been laid.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of certain Bills for the printing of extra Assessments."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of certain Trust Funds, to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purpose therein mentioned."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspector of the County Prison, for the year 1858," with the following amendment,

Amend Item 1st, by inserting after the words "Corn meal," the words "and Wheat, Rye and Corn."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water, for the year 1858," with the following amendments,

Amend the First Section in Item 35, by striking out after "34," the words "or from Item 35 exceeding the sum of \$ 400 in any one month," and add at the end of the proviso after "Councils," the words "or from Item 35 exceeding the sum of \$ 400 in any one month, unless by said authority."

Amend by adding at the end of the Section as follows, "43.—For preparing the grounds and planting trees on the lot north of Fairmount Basin, under the supervision of the Committee on Water Works, \$ 300."

Amend the Section in the third line, (written Bill,) by striking out "five" and inserting "eight."

Amend Item 34, by striking out after the word "dollars" the "proviso."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1858," with the following amendment :

Amend the First Section, by striking out all after the word "each," in the eighty-second line of the printed Bill.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to admit the Fame Hose Company into the Fire Department, with the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the end thereof as follows,
“Provided that no appropriation shall be claimed for past services.”

Mr. Barnwell

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 8th, 1858.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The Roll was called by the Clerk, and a quorum of members not having answered to their names,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to take a recess for fifteen minutes.

Agreed to.

The time for which a recess was taken, having transpired,

The President

Called Council to order.

Members Present,

Messrs. Barnwell,
Boyer,
Burnell,
Drayton,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geisz,
Ginnodo,
Handy,
Holman,
Keller,
Kelton,
King,
Kneass,

Messrs. Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Perkins,
Sites,
Stevenson,
Thompson, John,
Wildey,

Miller, John, President.

A quorum of members not being present,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 12th, 1858

Council met in pursuance of the following call :

The President of Common Council is requested to call a special meeting of Common Council, to be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 1858, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the consideration of the appropriation Bills, the unfinished business from the Select Council, and other business on the President's desk.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
W. H. DRAYTON,
JOSEPH SITES,
JOS. P. FITLER,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
JOSEPH GEISZ,
ADAM MAAG,
C. J. LEWIS,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JAMES G. BARNWELL,
WM. W. BURNELL,
H. R. KNEASS,
EDWARD S. HANDY.

Philada., Jan. 8, 1858.

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.,
Clerk of Common Council,

SIR :

Please call a special meeting of the Common Council, in accordance with the foregoing requisition.

JOHN MILLER,
President of the Common Council.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Hacker,
Handy,
Henszey,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Kane,
Keller,
Kerr,

Mssers. King,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Moyer,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Thompson, John,
Thompson, Oscar,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,
Waterman,
Wildey,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

Bill No. 62, Common Council File entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for expenses of that Department for the year 1858."

Being under consideration,

And the question being on the adoption of the First Section,

Mr. Parker

Moved to add after line one hundred and fifty-five as follows : to make line one hundred and fifty-six, " For the purpose of paying the deficiency of 1857, nineteen thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars and nineteen cents."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Steel

Moved to amend in line one hundred and twelve by striking out " two thousand three hundred and eighty dollars," and inserting " two thousand six hundred and eighty-eight dollars."

Not agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Steel

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill in order to ascertain the exact amount of the deficiency of 1857.

Not agreed to.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 63, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the year 1858, and to supply a deficiency of 1856,"

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 44, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools, of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools in the said District, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to add "\$ 50 " after "\$ 100." in the thirteenth line.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to add after "dollars," in the fifteenth line, as follows, " and for Astronomical and Philosophical Apparatus, \$ 200."

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to strike out "six" in the eighty-third line, and and insert "seven," also,

In the several Items for Night Schools, the respective amounts, and insert as follows :

First Section,	\$ 800	Twelfth Section,	\$ 700
Second Section,	600	Fourteenth Section,	800
Third Section,	900	Fifteenth Section,	1,000
Fourth Section,	800	Sixteenth Section,	600
Sixth Section,	800	Seventeenth Section,	1,000

Eighth Section,	700	Eighteenth Section,	800
Ninth Section,	400	Nineteenth Section,	900
Tenth Section,	800	Twentieth Section,	900
Eleventh Section,	700	Twenty-second Section,	650

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barnwell and Makins,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Cooper, Deal, Faulkner, Ford, Ginnodo, Hacker, Henszey, Kane, Keller, King, Makins, Moyer, Mc Makin, McNeal, Parker, Perkins, Steel, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Day, Drayton, Geisler, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McManus, Palethorp, Stevenson, John Thompson, Waterman, Wilmer, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 28. Nays 29.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend by adding at end of line	fifty-nine,
“and for rebuilding Ringgold School House,	\$ 1550.”
Furniture,	“ \$ 850.”
Incidentals,	“ \$ 100.”
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	\$2500.

Agreed to.

Mr. Burns

Moved to amend by adding at end of line two hundred and twenty-five “and for new stairway to the Marshall School House, \$1000.

Agreed to.

Mr. Barnwell

Moved to strike out "three" in line one hundred and two and insert "five."

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend by adding to the end of the Section, "and that the proportion which the City of Philadelphia shall be entitled to receive of any money which may be appropriated during the year 1858, for the support of the Common Schools of the said State, be and the same is hereby appropriated to said Controllors, for the purpose of building School Houses: Provided, that no contract shall be entered into or other act done by said Controllors in reference to building School Houses, until such an appropriation shall have been made by the General Assembly, nor until the same shall have been directed by Councils.'

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Parker,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Fry, King, Moyer, McIlwain, Parker, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Handy, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Stevenson, John Thompson, Vasey, Waterman, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 7. Nays 41.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Faulkner

Moved to amend by adding to line two hundred and forty-five as follows: "For furniture for additional School Houses, two thousand dollars."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to strike out in line two hundred and six "three hundred and fifty dollars," and insert "four hundred and twenty-five dollars."

Agreed to.

Mr. Faulkner

Moved to insert after the word "Buildings" in line two hundred and forty-five "and for Furniture."

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to add the word "salaries" after "house cleaners," in the 33d, 42d and 52d lines.

Also,

Strike out the word "salary" and insert "salaries," in the 17th, 23d, 61st, 69th, 78th, 87th, 96th, 106th, 115th, 124th, 133d, 142d, 151st, 160th, 169th, 178th, 187th, 196th, 205th, 214th and 223d lines.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to strike out in lines two and three, "\$468, 144.95," and insert "\$471,920.17."

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section as amended,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Fry,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Geisler, Handy, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIl-

wain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Stevenson, John Thompson, Waterman, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, Pres't.

NAYS—Mr. Makins.,

Yeas 44. Nays 1.

Agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to insert the following in lieu thereof :

SECT. 2.—That the further sum of nine hundred and sixty-five dollars and sixty-two cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay Bills due, which were contracted in 1857, and unpaid on the first of January, 1858, viz :

For General Expenses, (Printing.)	10.00
For Repairs in First Section,	4.12
For Stoves in Fifth Section	36.06
For Cleansing in Ninth Section.	131.25
For Rent in Tenth Section,	51.25
For Rent in Fifteenth Section,	387.50
For Furniture in Fifteenth Section,	6.00
For Night Schools in Seventeenth Section,	104.00
For Night Schools in Eighteenth Section,	2.00
For Ground Rent in Twenty-first Section,	75.00
For Rents in Twenty-first Section,	115.00
For Furniture in Twenty-first Section,	2.25
For Cleansing in Twenty-first Section,	41.25

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to make Section 2, read Section 3.

Agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

The amendment made by Select Council to the Bill to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the year 1858,

Being under consideration.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 14th, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Bassitt,
Black,
Boyer,
Boyle,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Day,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Gillen,
Ginnodo,

Messrs. Hall,
Handy,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McClean,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Potts,

Messrs. Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,
Tuder,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,

Messrs. Warnock,
Waterman,
Wilkey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the Annual Report of the City Controller (Appendix No. 78.)

Also,

The Annual Message from the Mayor. (Appendix No. 79.)

Also,

The following from the Board of Health.

HEALTH OFFICE :

Philadelphia, January 14, 1857.

To the President and Members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

At a meeting of the Board of Health held on the 13th inst., the following Resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be requested to notify Councils of the resignation of Mr. C. M. Donavan, member from the Sixth Ward, Mr. A. D. Boileau, member

from the Sixteenth Ward and Mr. Peter Lane, member from the Twenty-fourth Ward.

[Extract from the minutes.]

Attest,

WM. M. RANDALL, Clerk.

Mr. Palethorp

Presented a Communication from Edw. A. Spooner, M. D., asking to be elected Vaccine Physican in the Sixth Ward.

Which were read and laid on the Table.

Mr. Lewis

A Petition from Charles Tappan, Agent of the Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road, asking permission to place a side track from the City Rail Road in front of the premises No. 125 Dock Street.

Mr. Burnell

A Remonstrance from owners of property on Hamilton Street, Fifteenth Ward, against the paving of said street.

Mr. Holman

A Petition from property owners on Blair Street, from Wood to Dauphin Street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Morris

One of like import from owners of property on Front from York to Cambria street.

Mr. Burns

One from Citizens of the late Delaware and Lower Dublin Township, asking that repairs may be done to the Welsh Road.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Boyle,

One from owners of property on Broad street, from Carpenter to Prime streets, asking for the construction of a drain.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Wolf,

One from owners of property, asking for the location of a lamp at the corner of Green and Linden streets, Twenty-second Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

One from the voters of the Seventh Precinct, Twenty-second Ward, asking for a division of the same.

Mr. Palethorp

One from the citizens of the First Precinct, Tenth Ward, asking for a change of the place of holding the elections.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a Report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City, incurred during and prior to 1857." (Appendix No. 80.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a Report with a Resolution adverse to admitting the Hibernia and Hand-in-hand Hose Companies; to granting 500 feet of hose to the Fellowship, Germantown, and Nicetown Fire Companies; to granting a donation of hose to the Shiffler Hose Company; against the petition to organize a new Fire Company in the Fifteenth Ward; and against the petition of the Mechanic Engine Company for a fire-alarm bell. (Appendix No. 81.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to authorize the loan of the Hose of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," to the Philadelphia Hose Company, and giving Messrs. J. and S. Parham, permission to remove certain Fire Plugs and place in lieu thereof, their new "manifold" Fire Plug, for the purpose of experiment. (Appendix No. 82.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the erection of a certain Telegraph Signal Alarm Box." (Appendix No. 83.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Baird

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.,

Submitted a report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the leasing out Shackamaxon street Public Landing." (Appendix No. 84.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with a Resolution directing the Superintendent of the Girard Estates, to bulk-head and widen Delaware Avenue at Spruce street. (Appendix No. 85.)

Referred to the Committee on Girard Estates.

Mr. Day

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the business on the President's table, from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The message from Select Council in relation to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of the Cohocksink Creek, Vine street, Moore street, and Twenty-fifth street culverts,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller,

Offered the following,

Resolved, That the message from Select Council concerning the Bill under consideration, be returned to that body, with the request that they will determine by a vote whether they concur in the amendment of Common Council or not.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The amendments made by Select Council to Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the City, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Baird

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

Agreed to.

The amendments made by Select Council to Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. McMakin

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

Agreed to.

The amendments made by Select Council to Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Ford

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

Agreed to.

The amendments made by Select Council to the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison for 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

Agreed to.

The amendments made by Select Council to Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Kane

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

Agreed to.

The amendments made by Select Council to the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. B. F. Wright

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

The first, second and third amendments were concurred in.

The fourth amendment was non-concurred in.

The amendments made by Select Council, to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution to meet in Convention at 5 o'clock this day, to elect a City Solicitor.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution discharging the Committee on Rail Roads from the further consideration of the petitions of R. A. Parrish and others, for the con-

struction of a City Passenger Railway, from the Girard College to Second and Arch streets, via : Ridge Avenue, Ninth and Tenth streets.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The Bill from Select Council entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, out of the income of certain Trusts, to be appropriated according to the requirement of the Respective Trusts,"

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Girard College, for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of certain Bills for the printing of extra Assessments,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same until next Thursday.

Agreed to.

The Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Being under consideration,

Mr. Boyer

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same until Thursday next.

Agreed to.

The amendment made by Select Council to the Resolution admitting the Fame Hose Company into the Fire Department,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

Agreed to.

The Resolution from Select Council directing the Committee on Water Works to inquire into the propriety and policy of charging water rent on all Buildings in streets and avenues, in which pipes have been laid,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to amend by adding thereto as follows :

And also to inquire what measures it is necessary to adopt in order to ensure a more adequate supply of water in that part of the City lying south of South street.

Agreed to.

Mr. Cooper

Moved to further amend, by adding thereto "also north of Master street."

Agreed to.

Mr. Burns

Moved to further amend, as follows :

And further to enquire into the expediency of introducing water in Frankford, Twenty-third Ward.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was agreed to.

The Resolution deeming it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Trustees of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking to be exempted from the payment of the expense of laying water pipe in front of their grounds,

Was read twice, considered, and adopted.

Mr. Parker

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution to appoint a Joint Special Committee of three members, to examine and report in relation to the expenditures and receipts of the Board of Guardians of the Poor.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Boyle and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Bassitt, Black, Boyle, Brown, Burns, Clay, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kelton, Kerr,

King, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, Mellwain, McManus, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts. Ridgway, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Kane, Keller, Makins, A. Miller, Schoch, Wilner and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 47. Nays 8.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to strike out "Joint Special Committee of Three," and insert "Committee on Finance."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to strike out "Joint Special Committee of Three," and insert "Committee on Health."

Not Agreed to.

The Resolution was then adopted, and the President appointed Messrs. Stevenson, Steel and Perkins, on the part of Common Council.

The hour of five having arrived, the officers and members of Select Council were introduced, and being assembled in Convention,

The President

Announced the object thereof, to be the election of a City Solicitor, in place of William. A. Porter, resigned.

The Convention then proceeded to an election.

The Clerks acting as tellers, reported that 89 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Beideman, Benton, Bradford, Cuyler, Foster,

Frailey, Gamble, Horrocks, Kline, Maison, McCay, Mott, Nathans, Roberts, Schofield, Taylor, Williams and Whar-ton, President,

18, voted for William L. Hirst.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Neal and Verree,

3, voted for Edward Olmstead.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Cooper, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisz, Geisler, Gillin, Hall, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President,

53, voted for William L. Hirst.

Common Council,

Messrs. Bassitt, Black, Brown, Conrad, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Kelton, King, Parker, Potts, Ridgway, Steel, Tudor and Wildey,

15, voted for Edward Olmstead.

William L. Hirst, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

The convention adjourned and Select Council retired.

Mr. McMakin

Read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to direct and authorize the Commissioner of Market Houses, to re-new the lease of the present lessee of Chestnut Street Wharf, on condition of his making certain improvements to enable the city to widen Delaware Avenue at that point." (Appendix No. 86.)

Referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 32, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Board of Health."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Bassitt, Boyle, Butcher, Clay, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Hall, Handy, Jones, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McIlwain, Palethorp, Potts, Schoch, Taylor, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Boyer, Burns, King, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McManus, Parker, Perkins, and John Thompson,

Yeas 32. Nays. 11.

A quorum of members not having voted,
It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Perkins and Clay,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bassitt and King.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Iseminger, Jones, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, Palethorp, Perkins, Steel,

Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 2. Nays 39.

A quorum of members not having voted

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parkins

Moved a call of the house.

Which being ordered, the following members answered to their names,

Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Iseminger, Jones, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Mascher,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Boyer,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Boyle, Burns, Clay, Cooper, Day, Drayton, Fry, Hacker, Jones, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, Palethorp, Taylor, Tudor, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Black, Iseminger, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McMakin, Perkins and John Thompson.

Yeas 24. Nays 8.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 21st, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,

Baird,

Barnwell,

Bassitt,

Black,

Boyer,

Boyle,

Brown,

Burnell,

Burns,

Butcher,

Clay,

Colhoon,

Conrad,

Cooper,

Crease,

Day,

Deal,

Dougherty,

Drayton,

Faulkner,

Fitler,

Ford,

Fry,

Geisz,

Geisler,

Ginnodo,

Messrs. Hall,

Handy,

Holman,

Hutchinson,

Iseminger,

Jones,

Kane,

Keller,

Kelton,

Kerr,

Maag,

Makins,

Mascher,

Miller, Andrew,

Morris,

Moyer,

McClean,

McDonough,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

McMakin,

McManus,

O'Neill,

Palethorp,

Parker,

Perkins,

Schoch,

Sites,

Messrs. Steel,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,

Messrs. Waterman,
Willey,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the previous meeting,

Mr. Burns

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following :

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS.

Office of Chief Engineer and Surveyor,
Philadelphia, January 20th, 1858.

JOHN MILLER, ESQ.,

President Common Council,

Dear Sir : The following plans of revision have been prepared as directed by Councils, and await the action of the Chambers prior to their presentation to the Court for final confirmation, Green street from School to Rittenhouse street, Twenty-second Ward ; Wallace, Washington and Twentieth streets, Fifteenth Ward ; Landing Avenue, Fifteenth Ward ; Gunner's Run Canal Approaches, Nineteenth Ward ; Waterloo street, Nineteenth Ward.

Very truly,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

The report of the City Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company. (Appendix No. 86.)

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, January 21st, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 13th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of certain Trust Funds, to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned.

On the 13th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, to meet the expenses of that Department, for the year 1858.

On the 18th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1858.

On the 18th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1858.

On the 18th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the City, for the year 1858.

On the 18th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1858.

On the 18th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, for the year 1858.

On the 18th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1858.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a petition from owners of property on Market street, between Second and Jefferson Avenue, asking that Lamps may be placed therein.

Mr. Waterman,

One of like import from owners of property on the south side of Jones street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, and between Market and Filbert streets.

Mr. Warnock,

One of like import from owners of property on Green street between Manheim and Rittenhouse street, Twenty-second Ward.

Mr. Clay,

One from owners of property on Spruce street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets.

Mr. O'Neill

One from Myers, Claghorn & Co., asking for a lamp to be placed in Biddles Alley.

Mr. McClean

One from the Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, in Clifton street, between Tenth and Eleventh and South and Shippen streets, asking for a Lamp to be placed in front of the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One from owners of property on Eighteenth street, between North and Francis streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Brown

One of like import from owners of property on Vienna street, between Queen street and Franklin avenue.

Mr. Holman,

One of like import from owners of property on Wood street, between Frankford Road and Gaul street, in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards.

Mr. Butcher,

One from owners of property on Seneca street, in Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. Keller,

One from owners of property in the vicinity of Broad street, Coates street and Ridge Avenue, asking that flag stones may be laid at the intersection of said streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. McClean,

One from the Franklin Hose Company, asking for a donation, for a new Suction Engine.

Mr. Moyer,

One from the Kensington Engine Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Morris,

One from owners of property on Second street, between York and Putnam streets, asking for the construction of a culvert.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Arnold,

One from John Dyer and others, asking that payment be made of amount of damages awarded for the opening of Broad street, from the Germantown and Norristown Rail Road to Germantown Avenue.

Mr. Wolf,

A remonstrance from citizens of the Seventh Division, Twenty-second Ward, against a division of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Appropriation Bills as amended by Select Council.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Wharves and Landings,

Submitted a Report with a Resolution, to authorize the Commissioner on Market Houses, to have Pine street Wharf on the Delaware paved, to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Wharves and Landings. (Appendix No. 87.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 32, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Board of Health."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Boyle, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Drayton, Fitler, Geisler, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Kane, Maag, Mascher, Sites, Vanhorn, War-

noek, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Barnwell, Bassitt, Black, Boyer, Brown, Burns, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Geisz, Ginnodo, Iseminger, Keller, Kelton, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, Mellwain, Parker, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 23. Nays 29.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of Bill No. 46, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to pay certain claims against the City of Philadelphia."

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the schools in the said district, for the year 1858,"

With the following amendments :

Amend, by striking out in lines 31, 40, 50, 59, 67, 76, 85, 94, 104, 113, 122, 131, 140, 149, 158, 167, 176, 185, 194, 203, 212, 221, 230, 239, the words "for clerk hire, fifty dollars,"

Amend, by inserting after "dollars" in line 115, the words "and for cleansing privy wells, one hundred dollars."

Amend, by striking out in line 70, the word "nine," and inserting "six"; in line 116 by striking out "nine hundred and seventy-five," and inserting "seven hundred" and in line 233 by striking out "nine," and inserting "seven;" also, in the same line (233) by adding after

"dollars" as follows, to wit: "And that the rents to be paid by the Controllers of Public Schools, for buildings occupied by them in the Sixth, Eleventh and Twenty-fourth Sections, and belonging to the City, be and the same are hereby remitted for the year 1858."

Amend by striking out in line 132, the words "nine thousand and eighty," and inserting "nine thousand five hundred and twenty."

Amend by striking out in line 82, the word "one," and inserting "two."

Amend by striking out in line 164, the word "three," and inserting "four."

Amend by inserting in line 245, after the word "furniture," the words "for the same."

Amend by striking out in line 2, the words, "seventy one thousand nine hundred and twenty," and inserting "seventy thousand eight hundred and eighty-five."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the expenses of that Department for the year 1858,"

With the following amendments.

Amend in item 64, by adding after "64," the words "for oil, one thousand dollars," and inserting after the word "item," in the proviso, the words, "for the introduction of gas," also to strike out the words "for oil two hundred dollars," before the word "provided."

Amend item 78, by inserting between the words "for," and "taxes," the word "State," and by adding after the word "dollars," the words "and that the City Taxes be, and they are hereby released."

Amend item 125, by striking out "eight," and inserting "five."

Amend item 126, by striking out "five" and inserting "eight."

Amend item 101, by striking out the words "Omnibus Tickets," and inserting "Carriages;" Also by striking out "three hundred" in the same item, and inserting "fifteen hundred and sixty."

Amend in line 2, (printed bill) by striking out "ninety six thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven," and inserting "ninety-eight thousand eight hundred and ninety seven."

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution relative to the erection of new Public Buildings for the City and County of Philadelphia.

Mr. Barnwell

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the business from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The amendments made by Select Council to Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, &c., for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration.

Mr. Parker

Moved that Common Council non-concur in the First amendment.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to concur in the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh amendments.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to non-concur in the Eighth amendment.

Agreed to.

The amendments made by Select Council to Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, &c., for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration.

Mr. McMakin

Moved that Common Council concur in the first, second, third and fourth amendments.

Agreed to.

The fifth amendment being under consideration,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to amend the same by striking out "fifteen hundred and sixty," and inserting "one thousand."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Ginnodo,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Hall, Hutchinson, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Lewis, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, Parker, Schoch, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Wolf and John Miller President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Deal, Fitler, Ford, Geisz, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kelton, Maag, Mascher, O'Neill, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Taylor, Wilmer and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 38. Nays 23.

Agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that Common Council non-concur in the amendment as amended.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boyle, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Geisz, Hall, Handy, Hutchinson, Jones, Kelton, Kerr, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McClean, McFadden, O'Neill, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wilmer and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Bassitt, Black, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Colhoon, Geisler, Iseminger, Keller, Lewis, Makins, Morris, Moyer, Mellwain, McMakin, Parker, Taylor, Wildey, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 33. Nays 23.

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to non-concur in the Sixth amendment.

Agreed to.

The Resolution from Select Council relative to the erection of New Public Buildings, for the City and County of Philadelphia,

Being under consideration.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved to postpone the same until the second meeting in February, (the 11th proximo.)

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Resolution returning the amendment of Common Council, to the amendments made by Select Council to the Bill, entitled "an Ordinance to authorize the construction of the Cohocksink Creek, Vine street, Moore street and Twenty-fifth streets culverts," with a request that they will appoint a Committee of Conference, to meet the Special Committee of three already appointed on the subject, by Select Council.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Sites, Steel and Miller, the Committee.

Also,

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Resolution from Common Council, "authorizing the prosecution of Surveys in the First, and Twenty-fourth Wards,"

With the following amendment.

Amend at the end thereof as follows, "Provided, That the amount to be expended for said work shall not exceed the sum appropriated for the prosecution of said Surveys, for the present year."

Mr. Kane

Moved that Common Council concur therein.

Agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council, to provide for the payment of certain Bills for the printing of Extra Assessments.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

The question being on the final passage of the Bill,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to re-consider the vote by which the Bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Agreed to.

Mr. Clay

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same until the next stated meeting.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance, to report at the next meeting.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Clay,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they adhere to their amendments, to Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, &c., as follows :

"By striking out in lines 31, 40, 50, 59, 67, 76, 85, 94, 104, 113, 122, 131, 140, 149, 158, 167, 176, 185, 194, 203, 212, 221, 230 and 239," the words "for Clerk hire, fifty dollars."

Also,

In the following amendment, to strike out the words "seventy-one thousand nine hundred and twenty," and inserting "seventy thousand eight hundred and eighty-five."

Mr. Parker

Moved that Common Council insist on their non-concurrence in said amendments, and that a Committee of conference be appointed.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Holman, Parker and Wilmer, the Committee on the part of Common Council.

Also,

That they have receded from their amendment to item 101, in Common Council Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor for the expenses of that Department for the year 1858."

And from the amendment to strike out "ninety-six thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven," and inserting "ninety eight thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven."

Also,

That they have receded from their amendment to Common Council Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water for the year 1858," (i. e.) concurred in the amendment of Common Council to insert the proviso at the end of item 34.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution from Common Council directing the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, to loan the hose used by the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," to the Philadelphia Hose Company, for the use of the Steam Fire Engine Philadelphia, and in the Resolution granting permission to Messrs. J. and S. Parham, to substitute their newly improved manifold Fire Plugs, for certain Fire Plugs in Chestnut street, and Seventh street;

Also,

In the Resolution from Common Council, discharging the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, from the further consideration of the petitions of the Hibernia, Hand-in-Hand, Germantown, Nicetown and Shiffler Hose Companies, and Mechanic Engine Company, and the petition of Citizens of the Fifteenth Ward, for permission to organize a new Hose Company, in said Ward.

Also,

In the amendment of Common Council to Select Council Resolution, directing the Committee on Water Works, to inquire into the propriety and policy of charging Water Rent on all Buildings.

Also,

In the Resolution to authorize the Committee of Market Houses, to pave Pine street Wharf on the River Delaware.

Also,

In the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City, incurred during and prior to the year 1857."

Also,

In the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Commissioners of Sinking Fund, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and to supply a deficiency of eighteen hundred and fifty-six."

Also,

In the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the erection of a certain Telegraph Signal Alarm Box."

Mr. Day

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it be to meet on Tuesday, January 26, 1858, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Day

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the majority report of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, on the subject of the charges preferred by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, against certain Fire Companies.

Agreed to.

The First Resolution was adopted.

The Second Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the second Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Jones,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Boyle, Brown, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Crease, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, McManus, Parker, Perkins, Vanhorn, Wildey, Wilmer and John Miller, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Boyer, Cooper, Jones, Kane, Lewis, Andrew Miller, Morris, Palethorp, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson and Vasey.

Yeas 24. Nays 13.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Brown

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Clay and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Cooper, Kane, Andrew Mil-Morris, Moyer, Parker, Wildey and John Miller, Pres't:

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Clay, Colhoon, Crease, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Gillin, Iseminger, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McFadden, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson and Wilmer.

Yeas 9. Nays 24.

A quorum of members not having voted,

The President

Declared the meeting adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 26th, 1858

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Baird,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Colhoon,
Cooper,
Day,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geisz,
Ginnodo,
Handy,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
King,

Messrs. Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Thompson, John,
Vanhorn,
Waterman,
Wildey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.

Miller, John, President.

Mr. Drayton

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

On leave granted, submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes, for the year 1858." (Appendix No. 88.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill until Thursday next, and that it be printed for the use of the members.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Kane,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Bromley, Brown, Burns, Colhoon, Cooper, Ford, Ginnodo, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Kane, Kelton, King, Makins, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, Parker, Steel, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Wildey, Williams and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Butcher, Day, Faulkner, Fitter, Geisz, Jones, Keller, Maag, Mascher, Mellwain, Mc Makin, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Waterman, Wilner, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 25. Nays 21.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the second Resolution attached to the majority report of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, in relation to the charge made by the Chief Engineer against certain Fire Companies.

Agreed to.

Mr. Jones

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Jones and Perkins,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs Arnold, Baird, Bromley, Brown, Butcher, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Hutchinson, Keller, Kelton, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McIlwain, McMakin, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Vanhorn, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Burns, Cooper, Geisz, Jones, King, McFadden, McManus, Palethorp, Waterman, Williams and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 27. Nays 11.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Jones

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Jones and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Bromley, Brown, Cooper, Geisz, Kelton, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Waterman, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Holman, Hutchinson, Kane, Keller, King, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Pale-

thorp, Parker, Perkins, Vanhorn, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 12. Nays 29.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved a call of the house.

Which being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Drayton, Fidler, Holman, Hutchinson Keller, Kelton, King, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, Mellwain, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Sites, Vanhorn, Wildey, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

A quorum of members not having answered to their names,

Mr. Jones

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 28th, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,

Austin,

Baird,

Barnwell,

Black,

Boyer,

Boyle,

Bromley,

Brown,

Burnell,

Burns,

Butcher,

Clay,

Colhoon,

Cooper,

Day,

Deal,

Dougherty,

Drayton,

Faulkner,

Fitler,

Ford,

Fry,

Geisz,

Geisler,

Gillin,

Ginnodo,

Messrs. Hacker,

Handy,

Henszey,

Holman,

Hutchinson,

Iseminger,

Jones,

Kane,

Keller,

Kelton,

Kerr,

Kershaw,

King,

Kneass,

Lewis,

Maag,

Makins,

Mascher,

Miller, Andrew,

Morris,

Moyer,

McClean,

McDonough,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

Messrs. O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Potts,
Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,

Messrs. Thompson, Oscar,
Tuder,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,
Willey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, January 28th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 27th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the erection of a certain Telegraph Signal Alarm Box.

On the 27th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water, for the year 1858.

On the 27th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City incurred during and prior to the year 1857.

On the 27th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor for the expenses of that Department, for the year 1858.

On the 27th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the year 1858, and to supply a deficiency of 1856.

On the 27th inst., A Resolution authorizing the prosecution of Surveys in the First and Twenty-fourth Wards.

On the 27th inst., A Resolution authorizing the Commissioners of Markets, to pave Pine street Wharf, on Delaware River.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also, the following :

CITY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN :

We have in this Department a complete map of the Fifth and Sixth Wards, showing the location of each property in said Wards, and we would respectfully ask that your body appoint a Committee to examine the same, and to hear our suggestions in reference to its advantages in making the assessments and having each property assessed.

We are Very Respectfully Yours, &c.,

JAMES M. LEDDY, }
JAMES LOGAN, } City Commissioners.

Which having been read,

Mr. Kneass

Moved to refer the communication to a special Committee of three, for examination.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Kneass, Kelton and Kane, the Committee.

Also,

A communication from the Trustees of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, asking for the return of said Engine and all the apparatus thereunto belonging. (Appendix No. 89.)

Which having been read,

Mr. Mascher

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Steam Fire Engine Young America, be returned to the Trustees and donors.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

The Annual report of the Trustees of the Northern Liberty Gas Company. (Appendix No. 90.)

Laid upon the table.

Mr. Wolf

Presented a petition from citizens of Twenty-second Ward, asking that Lamps may be located on Brighthurst street, between Germantown avenue and the Germantown, and Philadelphia Rail Road.

Mr. Isenminger,

One of like import from citizens residing on Carpenter street, between Fourteenth and Nineteenth streets.

Also,

One of like import from citizens residing on Ward and Dorrance streets, between Carpenter and Washington street in the First Ward.

Mr. McManus,

One of like import from citizens residing on William street, between Salmon street and Duke street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One from citizens residing on Shippen street, between Fifth and Tenth streets, asking that the said street may be made a stand for Market Wagons.

Messrs. Hacker, Parker, McManus, Warnock, Kneass, Andrew Miller and McNeall,

Each presented petitions from citizens of Philadelphia, asking for the enforcement of the Laws and Ordinances against fore-stalling.

Which were referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One from George Cubbler, asking that his sureties upon his contract for building the Wing Walls at Girard Avenue Bridge, may be released.

Mr. Hacker,

A remonstrance from citizens of the First Division, Tenth Ward, against a change of place of holding the election.

Mr. Drayton

One from Citizens of Philadelphia, asking for a change of the Law, in reference to assessments and collections of Taxes.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Ford,

One from owners of property on Lehigh Avenue, between Ridge Avenue and Broad street, asking that the same may be opened and graded.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One from owners of property on Seventeenth street, between Carpenter and Prince streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

A remonstrance against the paving of York street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Ford,

One from owners of property in the vicinity of Coates Landing and Canal street, complaining that the water from the same passes through private property.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Drayton,

A petition from William Maull, asking that certain claims against the City should be allowed and taxes paid by him be refunded.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wolf

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be authorized to inquire into the expediency of having Allen's Lane, Twenty-second Ward, opened to its recorded width.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. McMakin

Presented a petition from the citizens of the third division of the Sixth Ward, asking for a change in place of holding the election.

Referred to Special Committee composed of the members from the Ward.

Mr. McMakin,

One from Samuel Thompson, late Commissioner of markets, asking to be paid for clerk hire during his term of office.

Referred to a Joint Special Committee composed of the Committees on Wharves and Landings and Markets.

Mr. Austin,

One from citizens recommending the admission of the Hibernia Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Mr. Warnock,

One from citizens of the western part of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards, asking for a New Hose Company to be located in that vicinity.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Kneass,

Two from the Coopers Point and Philadelphia Ferry Company and sundry citizens, asking for the extension of the Wharf at the foot of Vine street, on the Delaware.

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

The President

Presented the report of Thomas S. Fernon, City Director of the North Pennsylvania Rail Road Company. (Appendix No. 91.)

Mr. Alexander,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works,

Presented the Twenty-third annual report of the Philadelphia Gas Works. (Appendix No. 92.)

Also,

A report with a statement of the investment of the Sinking Fund of the Gas Works. (Appendix No. 93.)

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Moved that the Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes, for the year 1858, be re-committed to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That Council now proceed to the election of two Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works ; and twelve Vaccine Physicians.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Council proceeded to the election of two Trustees of the Philadelphia gas works.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Kane and Potts, Tellers, who reported that 60 votes had been cast, of which,

Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisz, Geisler, Gillin, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kershaw, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President,

57, voted for William B. Small, M. D., and Charles L. Wolf.

Mr. King,

1, voted for John Manuel and Samuel Brick.

Mr. Hacker,

1, voted for Andrew Ryan and Samuel Large.

Mr. Fry,

1, voted for John Manuel.

Messrs. William B. Small, M. D., and Charles L. Wolf, having received the highest number of votes cast, were declared duly elected.

Council proceeded to the election of twelve Vaccine Physicians, when on motion of

Mr. O'Neill,

The following gentlemen were declared duly elected, viz :

Second Ward, P. Hancy, Fourth Ward, W. F. Patterson, Sixth Ward, Aug. C. Bournonville, Eighth Ward, Robert P. Harris, Tenth Ward, Robert M. Downes, Twelfth Ward, James McFadden, Fourteenth Ward, Benj'n Fister, Sixteenth Ward, J. H. Handy, Eighteenth Ward, Charles Cady, Twentieth Ward, J. G. Stetler, Twenty-second Ward, William H. Squire, Twenty-fourth Ward, J. E. Whitesides.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance to re-organize the Police Department," approved Nov. 15th, 1855.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Makins and Jones,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Boyle, Brown, Cooper, Faulkner, Fry, Ginnodo, Handy, King, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McIlwain, Parker, Potts, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Geisz, Geisler, Gillin, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kershaw, Kneass, Maag, Makins, McDonough, McFadden, McMakin, O'Neill, Palethorp, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 20. Nays 39.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of certain Bills for the printing of extra Assessments.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs Miller and Makins,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Black, Brown, Butcher, Clay, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Ford, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hacker, Holman, Kane, King, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Potts, Sites, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Colhoon, Cooper, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Handy, Iseminger, Jones, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson and Vanhorn.

Yeas 40. Nays 27.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Cooper

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 64, Common Council File, en-

titled "An Ordinance provide for the construction of a culvert on Susquehanna Avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 46, Common Council File, to pay certain claims against the City of Philadelphia.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Ford

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Kneass

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Preamble and Resolution, page 85, Common Council Journal, in relation to the report of a Sub-committee, of the Committee on Finance, appointed to investigate the proceedings of the Board of Health.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to strike out "prepare charges based upon the misconduct so reported against the said," and insert the words "ascertain from the report of the Finance Committee the names of the guilty."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kneass

Moved to strike out "appropriate Committee," and insert "Committee on Law."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was agreed to.

The Preamble was adopted.

Mr Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business.

Agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Select Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of certain Bills for the printing of extra Assessments."

Agreed to.

And the question being on the final passage of the same,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Brown, Butcher, Clay, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Ford, Fry, Geisler, Hacker, Holman, Kane, Keller, King, Kneass, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, McNeal, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Sites, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Boyle, Cooper, Gillin, Isenminger, Jones, Kelton, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Mc Makin, Schoch, Taylor and John Thompson.

Yeas 34. Nays 14.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

On leave granted, submitted a Report with a Resolution releasing certain property from the lien of a judgment. (Appendix No. 94.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McMakin

Offered the following,

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Board of Guardians of the Poor, be and they are hereby authorized to advertize for proposals for the introduction of Gas into the Almshouse, from the Plank Road, the work to be done under the supervision of a Special Committee from the Board of Guardians.

All proposals to be received and opened by the Committee on Poor of these Councils, and the contract awarded to the lowest and best bidder.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Resolution from Common Council, entitled "Resolutions to authorize the re-paving of certain streets in the several Wards therein named."

With the following amendment:

Amend (printed Bill) in the 65th line, by inserting after the word "contracts" the word "sealed."

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution requiring a copy of all contracts to be filed in the office of the City Controller.

The Resolution was considered, read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to lay water pipes in certain streets.

The Resolution was considered, read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution requesting the City Solicitor to prepare a Bill for vacating Master street from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-seventh streets.

The Resolution was considered, read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to return to the Trustees and Donors, the Steam Fire Engine, Young America, with the following amendment,

Amend by adding after the end thereof "in good order and condition."

Mr. Day

Moved that Common Council non-concur in the amendment.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to pay certain claims against the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have appointed on the Committee of conference on the part of Select Council, to settle the points of difference between the two Chambers in the Bill from Common

Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools in the said District, for the year 1858,"

Messrs. Cuyler, Roberts and Bradford.

Mr. Jones

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 4th, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Hacker,
Handy,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Kane,
Keller,

Messrs. Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McClean,
McDonough,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,
Thompson, Oscar,
Tuder,
Vanhorn,

Messrs. Vasey,	Messrs. Wilmer,
Warnock,	Wolf,
Wildey,	Wright, B. F.
Williams,	Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, President.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Parker

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Asked leave to offer a Resolution, and on the question, "shall leave be granted?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Brown, Butcher, Colhoon, Ford, Moyer, McDonough, McIlwain, Parker, Ridgway, Tudor and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Deal, Geisz, Geisler, Ginnodo, Handy, Hutchinson, Kaue, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McMakin, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, Vasey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 12. Nays 30.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved a call of the house, which being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fidler, Ford, Geisz, Geisler, Ginnodo, Handy, Hutchinson, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, Tudor, Vasey, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

A quorum of members having answered to their names,

The question being on granting leave to Mr. Parker to offer his Resolution.

It was not agreed to.

The President

Presented Bills from John R. Fenner, Coroner, for service rendered by him officially during the months of November and December, 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ginnodo

Presented a petition from the Resolution Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Wildey

One from sundry citizens of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards, asking that the Kensington Fire Engine Company be admitted to the Fire Department.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Vasey,

One from owners of property on Wheat street, between Marion and Wharton streets, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Boyle,

On leave granted, read in place a Bill entitled "An

Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Market Houses not to rent stalls in any Market to any but actual occupants of the same, and also authorizing him to rent such stalls as are at present occupied by farmers free of expenses. (Appendix No. 95.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Moyer,

A petition from the citizens of the Seventh Division, Eighteenth Ward, asking for a division of the same.

Referred to a Special Committee composed of the members from the Ward.

Mr. B. F. Wright,

On leave granted, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to release Mr. George Cubbler, Contractor, and his sureties, for the building of the wing walls of Girard Avenue Bridge, east side.

Mr. Bromley,

A petition from Patrick Gibbons, asking for an additional appropriation for grading Robeson street, in the Twenty-first ward.

Mr. Iseminger,

One from owners of property on Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, in the First Ward, asking that said streets may be paved.

Mr. Butcher,

One from owners of property on Moore, Margaretta and Oak streets, in the Twenty-fourth Wards, asking that the sidewalks may be repaired.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Burns,

One from citizens of Twenty-third Ward, complaining of injury done by a water course to private property.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Steel,

One from citizens asking Council to enforce the Ordinance against forestalling.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

The President,

One from owners of property on Weaver street, between Green and Coates street, in the Twelfth Ward, asking that a gas lamp may be placed therein.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. King,

From the Special Committee on Gas Works, on leave granted,

Submitted answers by the Trustees of the Gas Works to certain interrogatories of said committee. (Appendix No. 96.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Kane,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to fix the grades on the Fourth Section, of the plan of the late Township of Blockley, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 97.)

Mr. Kane

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution calling for the grade regulations of a portion of the Fourth Section of the Survey of the late Township of Northern Liberties. (Appendix No. 98.)

Mr. Kane

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize and direct the Commissioner of Markets to renew the lease of Chesnut street wharf. (Appendix No. 99.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section being under consideration,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "expenses" as follows, "with the exception of Paving, Water and Gas Pipe, Plugs and Lamps, which work shall be executed by the city, under the direction of the respective Departments."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. McManus

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 33, Common Council File, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved October 19th, 1854, entitled an Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Parker,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Controllers of Public Schools, for the year 1858."

Submitted a Report and Resolution, which being read,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to refer the same back to the Committee.

Mr. Parker,

Asked leave to withdraw the Report.

Which was granted.

Mr. Kneass,

From the Committee on Law of Common Council, submitted a Report with articles of impeachment against the members of the Board of Health, and a Resolution asking that the same may be adopted. (Appendix No. 100.)

Which having been read,

Mr. Perkins

Moved that the articles of impeachment be adopted.

Mr. King

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and Colhoon,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyer, Conrad, Ginnodo, Hacker, Iseminger, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McFadden, O'Neill and Parker.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Black, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Crease, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisz, Geisler, Gillin, Handy, Hutchinson, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McDonough, McIlwain, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Ridgway, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 13. Nays 50.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to consider the articles separately.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the first article,

Mr. King

Moved to strike out the name of "Robert Lindsay."

Mr. Perkins

Moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. King

Objected to the motion in consequence of Mr. Perkins not being in his seat.

The President

Decided the motion in order.

Mr. King,

Presented the following :

The Chair having decided that a member may address the Chair who is not in his seat, the undersigned appeals from that decision.

HENRY T. KING,
RICHARD PARKER.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to lay the appeal upon the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Andrew Miller,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Burnell, Colhoon, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Handy, Kerr, Kneass, Mascher, McDonough, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Boyer, Brown, Butcher, Conrad, Dougherty, Ginnodo, Hacker, Iseminger, Keller, Kelton, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Potts, Ridgway, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn and Wildey.

Yeas 22. Nays 32.

Not agreed to.

The question being “shall the decision of the chair be sustained?”

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved that the subject under consideration be postponed, for the purpose of enabling the Committee on Finance to report upon the Tax Bill.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a majority report of said Committee, with a Bill entitled “An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes for the year 1858.” (See Appendix No. 88.)

Also,

A minority report, with a Bill entitled “An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes for the year 1858.” (Appendix No. 101.)

Which reports having been read,

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill attached to the majority report.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Wildey,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Brown, Burns, Deal, Drayton, Ford, Hacker, Iseminger, King, Kneass, Moyer, Parker, Potts, Oscar Thompson, Wildey and John Miller, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyer, Burnell, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Dougherty, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Gillin, Handy, Henszey, Hutchinson, Keller, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McDonough, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 16. Nays 34.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill attached to the minority report.

Mr. Parker

Moved to lay the motion of Mr. Mascher on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and King,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. King, Parker, Oscar Thompson and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Gillin, Handy, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Keller, Kneass, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McDonough,

McFadden, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 4. Nays 36.

A quorum of members not having voted,
It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Kneass and Butcher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Makins, Parker, Oscar Thompson, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Boyer, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Fitler, Geisler, Gillin, Hacker, Iseminger, Kneass, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wilmer and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 5. Nays 26.

A quorum of members not having voted,
It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have adopted a Report from the Committee on Conference, on the difference between the two Chambers, on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, &c., for the year 1858."

Also,

That they have concurred in the "Resolution to release certain property of John K. Chadwick, from the lien of a judgment therein mentioned."

Also,

In the "Resolution to fix the grades on the Fourth Section of the plan of survey of the late Township of Blockley, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Also,

In a "Resolution calling for grade regulations on a portion of the Fourth Section of the late Township of the Northern Liberties."

Also,

That they have receded from their amendment to the Resolution of Common Council, to return the Steam Fire Engine Young America to its donors.

Also,

That they have made the following appointments to fill vacancies on Committees caused by the death of Mr. Ashton:

Mr. Beideman, on the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Kline, on the Committee on Highways.

Mr. McCay, on the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Bradford, on the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to change the names of certain streets, lanes, courts, alleys, &c., in the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution requiring the Committee on Rail Roads to examine and report upon the practicability of petitioning the Legislature to repeal the tonnage tax on the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution authorizing the Board of Guardians of the Poor to advertise for proposals for the introduction of Gas into the Almshouse, with the following amendments:

Strike out the word "by" in the last sentence and insert the words "in presence of."

Add at the end of the Resolution the following proviso, to wit:

"Provided, that the amount of such contract shall not exceed the amount designated in the Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the expenses of that Department, for the year 1858.'"

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 9th, 1858.

Council met in pursuance of the following call.

JOHN MILLER, Esq.,

President of Common Council.

The undersigned members of the Common Council hereby request you to call a Special Meeting of the said Council, to be held on Tuesday next the 9th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., at their chamber, for the purpose of considering the reports of the Committee on Finance fixing the rate of taxes for the year 1858, and for unfinished business on the Presidents table and for other purposes.

Edward S. Handy,
George W. Wolf,
John McMakin,
J. K. McIlwain,
Charles McNeal,
C. B. F. O'Neill,
John F. Mascher,
W. H. Drayton,
Reed A. Williams,
David P. Boyer,
Joseph Geisz,
Robert Palethorp

February 5th, 1858.

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.,

Clerk of Common Council,

SIR :

Please call a Special Meeting of the Common Council in pursuance of the foregoing requisition.

JOHN MILLER,
President of Common Council.

February 6th, 1858.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Lewis,
Austin,	Maag,
Boyle,	Makins,
Bromley,	Mascher,
Burnell,	Miller, Andrew,
Burns,	Morris,
Butcher,	Moyer,
Clay,	McFadden,
Colhoon,	McIlwain,
Cooper,	McMakin,
Day,	McManus,
Deal,	McNeal,
Drayton,	O'Neill,
Faulkner,	Parker,
Fitler,	Perkins,
Ford,	Ridgway,
Ginnodo,	Schoch,
Hacker,	Sites,
Handy,	Steel,
Holman,	Thompson, John,
Hutchinson,	Tuder,
Iseminger,	Vanhorn,
Jones,	Vasey,
Kane,	Warnock,
Keller,	Wildey,
Kelton,	Wolf,
King,	Wright, B. F.,
Kneass,	Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, President.	

Mr. Parker

Moved that Council proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business from Select Council.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 67, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes, for the year 1858," (minority report.)

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend by striking out "Bill 67" and insert in lieu thereof, "Bill 69," (majority report.)

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Morris,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Cooper, Day, Deal, Drayton, Ford, Ginnodo, Hacker, Iseminger, Moyer, Parker, Ridgway, Steel, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Jones, Keller, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Schoch, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 16. Nays 33.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Mascher,
It was agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to strike out in the ninth line, the word "one hundred and eighty-five," and insert two hundred."

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend the amendment, by adding after the word "hundred" the word "five."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 31, Common Council File No. 31, to authorize a loan to pay claims against and to defray expenses of the Corporation.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to lay the motion to postpone on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Day and Parker,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Bromley Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Faulkner, Fitler, Hacker, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neil, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thomspon, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock. Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Clay, Day, Deal, Drayton, Ford, Ginnodo, Kelton, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, Moyer, Parker, Ridgway, Tudor, Wildey and John Miller, President.

Yeas 43. Nays 17.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Drayton,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Holman,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cooper, Day, Deal, Drayton, Ford, Ginnodo, Hacker, Iseminger, Kane, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Makins, Andrew Miller, Moyer, Parker, Ridgway, Tudor, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Jones, Keller, Maag, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 22. Nays 35.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and proceed to the consideration of the bill to reduce the police force.

Mr. Handy

Moved to lay the motion to postpone on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows ;

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Burnell Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Brown, Ford, Kelton, King, Moyer, Parker, Ridgway and Wildey.

Yeas 42. Nays 9.

Agreed to.

Mr. Wilmer

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Wilmer, Faulkner, Mascher, Fitler, Waterman, Keller, Jones, Burns, Palethorp, Austin, O'Neill Handy and Warnock.

And on the question, "shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Wildey,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal,

O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 44. Nays 0.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Brown,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, Mc Manus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Day, Deal, Drayton, Iseminger and Makins.

Yeas 39. Nays 5.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Rose to a point of order, to wit: that 44 members not being a quorum of members, the Section was not adopted.

The Chair decided the point not well taken, as 44 members constitute a quorum, and decided Mr. Parker out of order.

Mr. Parker

Appealed from the decision of the Chair and presented the following:

The Chair having decided that the member of the Thirteenth Ward is out of order, the undersigned appeals from that decision.

RICHARD PARKER,
HENRY T. KING.

Mr. Faulkner

Moved to lay the appeal on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Parker,

And being order^d were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 44. Nays 0.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Second Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and King,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Day, Deal, Drayton, Iseminger and Makins.

Yeas 39. Nays 5.

Agreed to

The Title was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the third reading of the Bill by its Title.

Mr. King

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill.

and that the Loan Bill No. 31, Common Council File, be made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Clay

Moved to lay the motion to postpone on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and King,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Day, Iseminger and Wildey.

Yeas 42. Nays 3.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Fitler, Mascher, Keller, Wolf, Waterman, Burns, Warnock, Jones, Vanhorn, Clay, McNeal, Vasey and Handy.

And on the question, "shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Parker,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McFaden, McIl-

wain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Day, Iseminger and King.

Yeas 42. Nays 3.

Agreed to.

The question being on the final passage of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Brown and Wildey,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Faulkner, Fitler, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Day, Deal, Drayton, Hacker, King, Makins, Moyer, Parker and Wildey.

Yeas 40. Nays 10.

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 11th, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Boyer,
Boyle,
Bromley,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Fitler,
Ford,
Gillin,
Ginnodo,
Handy,
Henszey,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
King,
Kneass,
Lewis,

Messrs. Maag,

Makins,
Mascher,
Andrew Miller,
Moyer,
McClean,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Perkins,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,
Thompson, Oscar,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,
Waterman,
Wildey,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Ford

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the Committee of Arrangement of the Alumni Association of the Central High School, extending an invitation to Councils to attend on the occasion of the Annual address.

Mr. Fitler

Moved that the invitation be accepted.

Agreed to.

Also

The Annual Report of the City Directors of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company. (Appendix No. 102.)

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, January 28th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Joint Resolutions and Ordinance have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 2d inst., A Resolution loaning hose to the Philadelphia Hose Company, and giving authority to Messrs. Parham to remove certain Fire Plugs and erect patent Manifold instead thereof.

On the 8th inst., A Resolution to release certain property of John K. Chadwick, from the lien of a judgment therein mentioned.

On the 8th inst., A Resolution to fix the grades of the Fourth Section, of the plan of Survey of the late Township of Blockley, Twenty-fourth Ward.

On the 8th inst., A Resolution to fix the grade regulation on certain parts of the Fourth Section of the Northern Liberties.

On the 8th inst., A Resolution returning the Steam Fire Engine "Young America" to the Trustees and Donors.

On the 10th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for the year 1858.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Burns, Butcher, Thompson, Williams, Day, C. S. Wright, Baird, Drayton, Clay, Jones, Waterman, Ford, Wilmer, McFadden, McMakin, Maag, Parker, Ginnodo, Conrad, Burnell, Fitler, Austin, O'Neill, Wildey, B. F. Wright, McIlwain, Bromley, Warnock and Wolf,

Presented petitions asking that Council would memorialize the Legislature to repeal the tonnage tax on the Pennsylvania, and Harrisburg and Lancaster Rail Road.

Which were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One from owners of property on Shippen street, from Grays Ferry Road to Sutherland Avenue, First Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Riche street from Catharine to Rose street in the Third and Fourth Wards.

Mr. Conrad,

One of like import from owners of property on Fifteenth street between Hamilton and Centre streets.

Mr. Warnock,

Petitions from Citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Hancock street, Adam street and Chelton street north of Main street may be opened.

Mr. Wolf,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Thorps' Mill Road may be graded.

Mr. Lewis,

One from Citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that certain streets may be graded.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. McClean

One from Citizens, the Trustees and members of the Associate Presbyterian Church, on Shippen street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, asking that a Lamp may be placed in front of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Day,

One from Joshua M. Raybold, late Register of Water, asking to have his sureties released.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Clay,

One from John Notman, asking compensation for certain drawings for Public Buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mascher,

One from citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the Keystone Fire Company may be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. McFadden,

A communication from Philip De Young, member of the Board of Health, asking that an investigation be made of charges preferred against said Board.

Mr. Vanhorn,

A petition from citizens of the Fourth Division of the Fifteenth Ward, asking that the place of holding the election may be changed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Parker,

One from citizens, asking that the Ordinance against forestalling may be repealed.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Burns,

One from owners of property on Church street, in the Twenty-third Ward, asking for the removal of a newly constructed drain.

Referred to a Joint Special Committee composed of three members from each of the Committees of Highways, Surveys and Regulations, viz :

Messrs. Burns, Baird, Ford, Potts, Iseminger, and Gillen.

Mr. King

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Resolution and act relative to Taxation within the City of Philadelphia. (Appendix No. 3, Common Council.)

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and McMakin,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Boyle, Conrad, Deal, Ford, Ginnodo Henszey, Iseminger, King, Makins, Andrew Mil-

ler, Moyer, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Perkins, Sites, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Boyer, Barnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Drayton, Fidler, Handy, Jones Kane, Keller, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, Schoch, Wilmer, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright, and John Miller, President.

Yeas 26. Nays 25.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Resolution (No. 6 Appendix, Common Council,) approving of the sureties of certain Supervisors, and of the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and of the License Clerk in the Department of Highways.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Moved to amend as follows: by striking out the name of William McGlersey one of the sureties of John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, and that the name of William Loughlin be substituted therefor.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Also,

Submitted a Report with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay fees of Joseph Delavau, late Coroner, for the year ending October 31st, 1857, and John R. Fenner, Coroner for the months of November and December, and certain other claims against the City of Philadelphia. (Appendix No. 103.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A Report with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay deficiencies occurring in the year 1857. (Appendix No. 104.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A Report with a Resolution adverse to the payment of the Bills of T. W. Price. (Appendix No. 105.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a Report with a Resolution, to authorize the West Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company, to lay the rails of their road over the Market street Bridge. (Appendix No. 106.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution having been read a second time,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Resolution, and that it be referred to a special Committee to inquire,

FIRST.—Whether additional Passenger Rail Roads are necessary for the accommodation of the citizens.

SECOND.—The cost or expense of constructing a Passenger Railway per mile over the paved streets.

THIRD.—Whether it is expedient for the City to construct Railways along our streets, where they are necessary for the accommodation of the people.

FOURTH.—Whether the interest of the City does not require that Councils should oppose the granting of any charters to private Companies by the Legislature, to occupy the streets graded and improved by the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Handy

Asked for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division, viz: to postpone

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and O'Neill,

- And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Boyle, Colhoon, Crease, Fitler, Gillin, Handy, Jones, King, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Sites, Oscar Thompson, Warnock, Waterman and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander. Arnold, Baird, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Conrad, Day, Deal, Faulkner, Fry, Ginnodo, Henszey, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kneass, Lewis, Andrew Miller, McManus, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 24. Nays 33.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the second division, viz : To refer the Resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Jones,

And being ordered were as follows

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Boyle, Colhoon, Crease, Fitler, Jones, King, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeill, O'Neill, Parker, Sites, Oscar Thompson, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Baird, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Conrad, Day, Deal, Faulkner, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Henszey, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kneass, Lewis, Andrew Miller, McManus, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Wildey, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 23. Nays 33.

It was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Waterman and Steel,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Conrad, Day, Deal, Faulkner, Fry, Ginnodo, Henzey, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Lewis, Andrew Miller, McManus, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle Colhoon, Crease Hacker, Jones, King Maag, Makins, Mascher, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Sites, Warnock and Waterman.

Yeas 36. Nays 18.

It was agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, to pay road damages for opening Ashton street, in the First Ward. (Appendix No. 107.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report and Resolutions authorizing the paving of certain streets, and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 108.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution having been read a second time,

Mr. Sites

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Resolutions, and that they be printed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the articles of impeachment against the members of the Board of Health.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with a Resolution discharging the Committee from the further consideration of the petition of the Franklin Fire Company, asking for a donation, and of the property holders of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards, asking permission to organize a New Hose Company. (Appendix No. 109.)

Mr Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report and Resolution referring certain claims to the Committee on Finance. (Appendix No. 110.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Kane,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain on the line of Bank street, northward from Market street, in the Sixth Ward. (Appendix No. 111.)

Mr. Kane

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Kane

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 66, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the construction of Branch Culverts or Drains."

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Fourth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the Bill, and that it be made order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Sites,

From the Committee on Conference on the Bill to authorize the construction of the Cohocksink Creek, Vine street, Moore street and Twenty-fifth street culverts, submitted the following report,

The Committee of Conference of Councils to whom was referred the points of difference between both branches of Councils, on the Ordinance to authorize the construction of the Cohocksink Creek, Moore street, Vine street and Twenty-fifth street Culverts,

Have agreed to report that Common Council shall recede from their amendment to the Ninth Section of the Bill. To wit, the proviso at the end of the Bill.

JOSEPH SITES,

THOMAS C. STEEL.

Mr. Kane

Moved that the report be adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 35, Common Council File, "To change the names of certain streets, lanes, courts, alleys, &c., in the City of Philadelphia.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that the Bill be recommitted to the Committee for correction, with instructions to strike out all the Items which alter the names of courts.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following :

Resolved, By Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to change the names of certain streets, lanes, courts, alleys, &c., in the City of Philadelphia, be postponed and referred to a Special Committee of two members from each Chamber, for general amendments, and that said Committee be allowed a Clerk, whose salary shall be \$ 75 per month, warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and charged to item 21 of An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Highway Department, for 1853: Provided, that the whole amount of said salary shall not exceed \$ 150."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution having been read a second time,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to adjourn,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Iseminger,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Day, Iseminger, Keller, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, Taylor, John Thompson and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Boyle, Burns, Colhoon, Crease, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Handy, McMakin, O'Neill, Perkins, Vasey, Waterman and Wilmer.

Yeas 16. Nays 15.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes for the year 1858."

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution, authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to draw \$ 4,000 from Item 35, of the appropriation to the Watering Department, to pay for labor, &c.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution accepting certain proposals for furnishing Breckenridge coal oil, best sperm oil, and best No. 1 City rendered tallow, and authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to enter into contracts for the same.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution directing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw warrants in favor of certain persons therein named.

Also,

A Resolution to accept the proposals of Alexander Convery and John C. Miller, for furnishing coal for Water Works.

Also,

A Resolution requesting the Committee on Surveys and Regulations to report whether the plan of surveys west of the Schuylkill conforms to those east of the River.

Also,

A Resolution requesting the Mayor to call the attention of the Police Magistrates to the duties imposed by the Seventh Section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Police Department."

Also,

A Resolution requiring the Committee on Rail Roads to examine and report upon the practicability of petitioning the Legislature to repeal the tonnage tax on the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 18th, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Austin,
Baird,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Fidler,
Fry,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Hall,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,

Messrs. Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McClellan,
McDonough,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Thompson, John,
Thompson, Oscar,
Tuder,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,

Messrs. Warnock,
Waterman,
Wildey,
Wilmer,

Messrs. Wolf,
Wright, B. F.,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the further reading of the same be dispensed with.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following :

HEALTH OFFICE,
Philadelphia, February 18th, 1858.

To the President and members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

The undersigned have been appointed a Committee on behalf of the Board of Health, to confer with your honorable body in reference to the appropriation needed for that Department. They would respectfully observe that the health and welfare of the City is depending upon the immediate action of your body, and in case of sickness or an epidemic visiting us, the blame will rest upon the shoulders of Councils and not the Board of Health. Suits are daily being made against the City for want of the necessary appropriation to pay for the removal of nuisances, salaries of officers, and other needful expenses of the Board, thereby causing the City an unnecessary expenditure of money, and delaying the proper action of the Board of Health.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN H. WEIR,	} Committee.
JOS. R. COAD,	
THOS. H. TOWN,	
MOSES H. EMERY.	

Also,

A communication from William V. McKean, late Register of water, asking that his securities may be released.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Petitions from a number of citizens, asking for the repeal of the Tonnage Tax on the Pennsylvania, Lancaster and Harrisburg Rail Roads.

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads

Also,

A Communication from the United States Hose Company, submitting certain complaints against the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Also,

One from the Philadelphia Hose Company, asking for an appropriation to defray the expenses incurred by them for Fire Apparatus.

Mr. Mascher,

A petition from the Hand-in-hand Fire Company, asking for payment of a back appropriation.

Mr Austin,

One from sundry citizens, asking that the Hibernia Hose Company may be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Alexander,

One from owners of property on Earp street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, asking asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Moore street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. McDonough,

One from Owners of property on South street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, asking for the erection of a gas lamp.

Mr. O'Neill,

One of like import from citizens on Lombard street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Also,

One from property owners of the Nineteenth Ward asking for the removal of the Police Station House.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Waterman,

One from sundry citizens, asking that a culvert be constructed at the south west corner of South and G streets, in the Fourth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from James G. Kline and others, asking Councils to prevent the passage of any law by the Legislature, giving the right of way along the streets of the City to chartered Companies.

Mr. O'Neill,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved. By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the petition of James G. Kline and others, be referred to a Joint Special Committee of three.

Which being read a second time,

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to strike out "Joint Special Committee of three," and insert "Committee on Highways."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Butcher,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Bromley, Burnell, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Drayton, Fitler, Geisler, Holman, Iseminger, Keller, Kneass, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, McDonough, McManus, Ridgway, Schoch, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Boyer, Burns, Dougherty, Hutchinson, Makins, Mascher, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, O'Neill, Sites, Steel, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 27. Nays 19.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Boyer,

One from citizens asking a repeal of the Tonnage act on the Pennsylvania, and Harrisburg and Lancaster Rail Roads.

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One from owners of property on Christian street, between Gray's Ferry Road and Sutherland street, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Bromley,

One from citizens of the Fourth Division of the Twenty-first Ward, asking for a change in place of holding the election.

Referred to a Special Committee of members from said Ward.

Mr. Wolf,

One from the Trustees of the Public School of German-

town, asking that the election poll may be removed to some other place.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Drayton

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a Report in relation to the Ordinance referred to the Committee, entitled "An Ordinance to pay certain claims against the City of Philadelphia" (Appendix No. 112.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Boyer

Moved to amend by adding thereto as follows :

"To pay Dr. Henry Wadsworth eighteen dollars for professional services at the Tenth District Station House.

Mr. Cooper

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Claims.

Agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to strike out Item 9.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to strike out Item 5.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Burns

Moved to amend in Item 5, as follows :

Strike out all after "Thomas Hope Palmer" in the eleventh line," and before "for services" in the thirteenth line.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Cooper and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Day, Deal, Geisler, Holman, Iseminger, Keller, Kelton, King, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McDonough, McManus, Ridgway, Schoch, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Clay, Cooper, Dougherty, Fry, Hutchinson, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Sites, Steel, John Thompson, Vasey and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 29. Nays 21.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to refer Item 7 to the Committee on Claims.

Agreed to.

Mr. Makins

Moved to strike out Item 8.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ginnodo and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cooper, Deal, Handy, Kerr, Kneass, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, McManus, Perkins, Ridgway, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Waterman and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Crease, Day, Drayton, Fitler, Fry, Ginnodo, Hall, Halman, Hutchinson, Keller, Kelton, King, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, Tudor, Vasey, Warnock, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 17. Nays 42.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend Item 8, as follows :

“And to pay Mr. Bernard, the Sexton of St. Peter’s Church, for the same services, the sum of thirty Dollars.”

Mr. Drayton

Moved to refer the Item to the Committee on Claims.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to amend the amendment by adding “to pay ten dollars to the Fairmount Engine Company.”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O Neill and McDonough,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Cooper and Ridgway.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Fry, Handy, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McDonough, McIlwain, McNeal, O’Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Sites, Steel, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 2. Nays 42.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Palethorp

Moved to amend the amendment by adding “to pay thirty dollars to pay for the ringing of Christ Church Bells.”

Mr. Mascher

Moved to lay the amendment of Mr. Palethorp on the table.

Agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Ridgway,

Mr. Cooper

Moved to lay the same on the table.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of Item 8,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Cooper and Handy,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Butcher, Conrad, Crease, Dougherty, Drayton, Fidler, Fry, Hall, Holman, Hutchinson, Keller, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Schoch, Steel, Stevenson, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Cooper, Faulkner, Handy, Iseminger, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Makins, Andrew Miller, McDonough, Palethorp, Perkins, Sites, Waterman and Wildey.

Yeas 33. Nays 18.

It was agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to amend by making " Item 8 " read " Item 7," and " Item 10 " read " Item 8."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the bond of Joshua M. Raybold, late Register of Water, and Frederick Emhardt, late Commissioner of Highways. (Appendix No. 113.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McMakin,

From the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.,

Submitted a report and "Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Samuel C. Thompson, late Commissioner of Market Houses, for clerk hire and extra services during his term of service. (Appendix No. 114.)

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Parker,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Crease, Deal, Dougherty, Faulkner, Fry, Iseminger, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, Mc Neal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Ridgway, Steel, John Thompson, Vasey, Waterman, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Kelton, Parker, Kerr and Wildey.

Yeas 32. Nays 4.

A quorum not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Bill entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay deficiencies occurring in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Also,

In the Bill entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, to pay road damages for opening Ashton street, in the First Ward.”

Also,

In the Bill entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Joseph Delavau, late Coroner, for the year ending October 31, 1857; John R. Fenner, Coroner, for the months of November and December, 1857, and certain other claims against the City of Philadelphia.”

Also,

In the Bill entitled “An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain on the line of Bank street, southward from Market street, in the Sixth Ward.”

Also,

In the Resolution from Common Council, entitled “Resolution approving of the sureties of certain Supervisors and of the Chief and other Commissioners of Highways, and of the License Clerk in the Department of Highways.”

Also,

“In the Resolution discharging the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department from the further consideration

of the petition of the Franklin Hose Company, asking a donation for a new Suction Engine, and a petition from citizens of certain Wards for permission to form a new Hose Company.”

Also,

“In the Resolution to discharge the Committee on Finance from the further consideration of the Bills of T. W. Price, for books and stationery furnished to the Supreme Court and the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and District Courts for this city and county, and to the City Commissioners and Recorder of Deeds, during parts of the years eighteen hundred and fifty-six and fifty-seven.”

Also,

Informed that they have passed a Bill entitled “An Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, entitled an ‘Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property for the expenses thereof, for the year 1858.’”

Also,

A memorial praying the Legislature to repeal the duty on the freight passing over the Pennsylvania Rail Road, and a Resolution directing the Mayor to forward the same to the Senate and House of Representatives.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Controllors of Public Schools, to draw upon the appropriation to said Board for 1858, to pay bills of the Sectional Boards, contracted in 1857.

Also,

Discharging the Committee on Schools from the further consideration of the application from the Controllors of Public Schools for \$250, to defray the expenses of obtaining certain information.

Also,

A Resolution recommending the Controllors of Public Schools to have the text books for the various branches of study of a uniform kind and character throughout all the schools.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution referring the memorials of the Independence, Western and Fairmount Engines, and of the Pennsylvania and Fairmount Hose Companies to the Committee on Finance, and that the amounts asked for in each, be by said Committee included in the general deficiency Bill, with the following amendment :

Amend by striking out the words "and that the amounts asked for in each, be by said Committee included in the general deficiency Bill."

Mr. Waterman

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 25th, 1858.

Council met. *

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Butcher,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Gillin,
Ginnodo,
Hall,
Handy,
Henszey,
Holman,
Hutchinson,

Messrs. Iseminger,
Jones,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew
Moyer,
McClean,
McDonough,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Potts,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,

Messrs. Stevenson,	Waterman,
Taylor,	Willey,
Thompson, John,	Williams,
Thompson, Oscar,	Wilmer,
Tuder,	Wolf,
Vanhorn,	Wright, B. F.
Vasey,	Wright, C. S.
Warnock,	Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Cooper

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, February 25th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 12th inst., An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes, for the year 1858.

On the 23d inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Joseph Delavau, late Coroner, for the year ending October 31st, 1857 ; John R. Fenner, Coroner, for the months of November and December, 1857 ; and certain other claims against the City of Philadelphia.

On the 23d inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, to pay deficiencies for 1857.

On the 23d inst., An Ordinance to construct a culvert in Bank street, below Market street.

On the 23d inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, to pay road damages for opening Ashton street, in the First Ward.

On the 23d inst., A Resolution approving sureties of the Commissioners of Highways, Supervisors, and License Clerk.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

The Eleventh Annual report of the Inspectors of the Philadelphia County Prison.

Also,

The Fourth Annual report of the Corn Exchange Association.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

Twelve petitions numerously signed by citizens, asking Councils to memorialize the Legislature for a repeal of the tonnage tax on the Pennsylvania and Harrisburg and Lancaster Rail Roads.

Which were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. B. F. Wright

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the business from Select Council, on the President's table.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Iseminger,

A petition from William Dale, asking to be released from a certain judgment.

Messrs. Vanhorn, Keller, Burnell and Faulkner,

Each one from citizens of the Fourth Division of the Fifteenth Ward, asking for a change in the place of holding the election.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Handy,

One from citizens of the Twenty-third Ward, asking that a new division may be made in said Ward.

Referred to the members from the Twenty third Ward.

Mr. McDonough,

One from Hugh Gamble, late collector in the Third Ward, asking that amount overpaid by him may be refunded.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One from the Mechanic Fire Co., asking for the payment of back appropriations.

Mr. Mascher,

A Bill from Edward N. Creighton, for services as assistant engineer of Steam Fire Engine, Young America.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Waterman,

One from the citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Tulip street may be graded.

Mr. Cooper

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved. By the Select and Common Councils of the the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby directed to open and make passable, Columbia street from Cadwalader street to the

Germantown Road as soon as practicable, the damage to property owners having been assessed and accepted by the said property owners.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Handy,

One from citizens, asking that a gas lamp may be placed in Dock street, at the north east corner of the Philadelphia Exchange.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. King

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the "Resolution and Act relative to taxation, within the City of Philadelphia," as reported by the Special Committee on the subject. (Page 33, Common Council Appendix.)

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ford and Wildey,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Bromley, Brown Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Faulkner, Fittler, Ford, Henszey Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kelton, King, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, Mc Donough, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Williams, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Boyer, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Geisz, Gillin, Kerr, McIlwain, Schoch, Wilmer, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 45. Nays 15.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out the Bill under consideration and substitute the following :

Whereas, The taxes of the City of Philadelphia have increased to an alarming extent, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the same, and Real Estate being the only basis at present whereby taxes are levied, and that species of property being injured thereby to an extent which will have the effect to lessen the value and character thereof,

And whereas, All persons living under and being protected by the same government, should contribute a due proportion of the expenses of the same; and it is a well known fact, that much the largest portion of the wealth of the City of Philadelphia, does not in any way contribute as aforesaid.

Therefore, be it Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, are respectfully requested to pass a law authorizing the Councils of said City to levy and collect a tax for municipal purposes, upon all Estates, real, personal and mixed, and also upon all revenue derived from whatever source, held by citizens or persons residing in said City.

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils transmit a copy of the above, attested by the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils, to each of the Senators and Representatives from the City of Philadelphia, in the Legislature of of this State, and also one to the Speaker of the Senate and House of Representatives of the same.

Mr. Kneass

Moved to postpone the whole subject, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon at the next meeting.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the substitute of Mr. Stevenson,
It was not agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. Holman

Moved to strike out "one dollar" in the last line and insert "twenty-five cents."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Cooper and Kelton.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Burnell, Dougherty, Fitler, Gillin, Hall, Holman, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, McClean, McDonough, Mc Fadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Schoch, Stevenson, John Thompson, Vasey, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Bromley, Brown, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Drayton, Fry, Ginnodo, Handy, Henszey, Iseminger, Kelton, King, Andrew Miller, Moyer, Perkins, Potts, Sites, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn and Williams.

Yeas 34. Nays 24.

Agreed to.

Mr. Cooper

Moved to further amend, by striking out in the third line the words "State and," also, strike out all after the word "Tax" in said line, and strike out the "Proviso."

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to strike out the whole Section with the amendments, and insert the following in lieu thereof :

SECT. 3. "The personal tax required to be levied within the City of Philadelphia in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, shall be known and designated as a county tax, and that the Clerks of Councils shall send a copy of the above to each branch of the Legislature."

Agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Resolution was read a second time and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the business on the President's desk from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The Resolution repealing the tonnage tax on the Pennsylvania and Lancaster and Harrisburg Rail Roads, being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Steel,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Black, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Hall, Handy, Holman, Jones, Kelton, Kerr, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, Mellwain, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Williams, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Faulkner, Iseminger, Keller, Makins, Andrew Miller, O'Neill, Stevenson and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 47. Nays 8.

It was agreed to.

The Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to draw \$ 4000, from Item 35 of the appropriation to the Watering Department, to pay for labor, &c.

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The amendment to the Resolution authorizing the Board of Guardians of the Poor to advertise for proposals for the introduction of gas into the Alms House, being under consideration.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day to allow him to offer a preamble and Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Offered the following :

Whereas, By An Ordinance making an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor for the year 1858, it provides that \$ 7,200 be appropriated for the purpose of introducing gas into the Alms House, when the same shall be authorized by Councils.

And Whereas, no such authority has been given to the said Guardians of the Poor by Councils, and yet proposals have been advertised for by them for the said work, and the contract awarded by said Board.

And Whereas, by the said Ordinance an appropriation is made for Omnibus Tickets, for the conveyance of members to and from the Almshouse, and no provision whatsoever, for carriages for said purpose. Therefore

Resolved, that the Clerks of Councils be and they are hereby directed to give public notice in the Public Ledger, for one week, daily, that the city of Philadelphia will not

be responsible for the payment of any bills contracted by the Guardians of the Poor, for the introduction of Gas into the Almshouse, or for carriage hire for the members of the Board, and that the public are further cautioned before furnishing supplies or performing work for the said Board of Guardians, to ascertain from the City Controller whether any appropriations have been made for such purposes, or if made, that the same has not already been exhausted, as the City Councils feel it incumbent upon them to resist by every possible means the payment of Bills contracted by this or any other Department, for which no appropriation has been made, and for which no provision is made in the tax levy.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to refer the same to a Special Committee of three.

Agreed to.

The Chairman

Appointed Messrs. Perkins, Conrad and Mascher.

Select Council,

Informed Common Council that they have concurred in the Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the bonds of Joshua W. Raybold and Frederick Emhardt.

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to pay certain claims against the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

That they have passed the following, viz:

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate Market Stands."

Also,

A Bill entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 19th, 1856, entitled 'An Ordinance to li-

cense and regulate Pawn Brokers, and to repeal so much of the Supplement thereto, passed February 16, 1856, as is inconsistent herewith."

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to place a plug or plugs in the grounds of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the insane.

Also,

A Resolution requesting the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department to inquire into the expediency of extending the telegraph wire along the Germantown Road.

Also,

A Resolution directing the Committee on Highways to report upon the propriety of repealing certain provisions of the Joint Resolutions to authorize the paving of Fisher street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and for other purposes, passed December 3, 1857.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 2d, 1858.

Council met pursuant to the following calls.

JOHN MILLER, Esq.

President of Common Council.

DEAR SIR :

The undersigned members of the Common Council hereby request that you will call a Special Meeting of the said Council, to be held on Tuesday next, March 2d, 1858, at 3 o'clock P. M., at their chamber, for the purpose of considering the articles of impeachment against certain members of the Board of Health, with the Resolution submitted by the report of the Committee on Law, (Appendix Common Council Journal, page 682.)

And also An Ordinance on Common Council File No. 2, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, &c., and for the unfinished business on the President's table."

B. F. Wright,
Edward S. Handy,
W. H. Drayton,
Andrew J. Holman,
Thomas J. Butcher,
Richard Wildey,
H. R. Kneass,
Samuel C. Perkins,
William R. Black,
E. H. Faulkner,
John McMakin,
John F. Mascher,
Joseph P. Fitler,
Thomas C. Steel.

February 25th, 1858. :

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.

Clerk of Common Council,

DEAR SIR:

Please call a Special Meeting of the Common Council agreeably to the foregoing requisition.

JOHN MILLER,
President of Common Council.

JOHN MILLER, Esq.,

President of Common Council.

DEAR SIR:

Will the President of Common Council please call a Special Meeting of Common Council, to be held March 2d, at 3 o'clock P. M., to consider the Bill on Common Council File No. 2, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, &c., also to consider the unfinished business on the President's Table."

C. B. F. O'Neill,
Seth Austin,
Wm. M. Baird
William W. Burnell,
Robert Palethorp,
John Thompson,
Charles F. Iseminger,
John Alexander,
Riego Taylor,
Philip Dougherty,
J. K. McIlwain,
Charles McNeal.

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.

Clerk of Common Council,

SIR:

Will please call a Special Meeting of the Common Council in accordance with the foregoing requisition.

JOHN MILLER, President.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,

Austin,

Baird,

Barnwell,

Black,

Boyer,

Bromley,

Burnell,

Burns,

Colhoon,

Conrad,

Cooper,

Crease,

Day.

Dougherty,

Drayton,

Faulkner,

Fitler,

Fry,

Gillin,

Ginnodo,

Hacker,

Hall,

Henszey,

Holman,

Hutchinson,

Iseminger,

Jones,

Kelton,

Kerr,

King,

Messrs. Kneass,

Lewis,

Maag,

Makins.

Mascher,

Miller, Andrew

Morris,

Moyer,

McClellan,

McDonough,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

O'Neill,

Perkins,

Schoch,

Sites,

Steel,

Stevenson,

Thompson, John,

Thompson, Oscar,

Tuder,

Vanhorn,

Warnock,

Waterman,

Wilkey,

Williams,

Wilmer,

Wolf,

Wright, C. S.

Miller, John, President.

Mr. McMakin,

On leave granted, made a statement, correcting an error in his remarks at the last meeting of Council, in relation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor.

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the articles of impeachment against certain members of the Board of Health.

Agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. King to the first article, viz : " To strike out the name of Robert Lindsay,"

Mr. Mascher

Moved to recommit the amendment and the articles of impeachment to the Committee on Law, with instructions to prefer charges against the guilty members only.

Mr. McIlwain

Moved to strike out " Committee on Law," and insert " A Special Committee."

Not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Mascher,
It was not agreed to.

Mr. McIlwain

Moved to further amend as follows :

Add after the name of Robert Lindsay, the names of Charles Smith, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, P. DeYoung, A. C. Roberts, William Osborn, Lewis Bornman, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William Squire, Benjamin Wilson, and John McGittigan.

Mr. Perkins

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places :

Messrs. Vanhorn, Faulkner, Brown, Jones, Palethorp, Burnell, Perkins, Clay, McIlwain, Hutchinson, Black, Maag and McDonough.

And on the question, "shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Boyer,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Black, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Crease, Day, Faulkner, Hall, Hutchinson, Jones, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, McDonough, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Schock, Sites, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Bromley, Conrad, Dougherty, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hacker, Henszey, Iseminger, Kelton, King, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, O'Neill, Steel, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 31. Nays 28.

It was agreed to.

The previous question being on the amendment of Mr. McIlwain,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and McClain,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Barnwell, Conrad, Dougherty, Fry, Ginnodo, King, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McNeal, John Thompson, Vanhorn and John Miller, President:

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Black, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Dav, Faulkner, Gillin, Hall, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McDonough, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Schock, Sites, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer and Wolf.

Yeas 16. Nays 37.

It was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. King.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Andrew Miller,

And being ordered were as follows

YEAS—Messrs. Barnwell, Conrad, Dougherty, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hall, Kelton, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, Steel, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Black, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Day, Faulkner, Gillin, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, McDonough, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 21. Nays 35.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Article,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Fry,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Burnell Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Day, Faulkner, Gillin, Hall, Hutchinson, Jones, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McDonough, McMakin, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Conrad, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Iseminger, King, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, Steel, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and John Miller, President.

Yeas 36. Nays 18.

Agreed to.

The Second Article being under consideration,

Mr. King

Moved to strike out the name of "Robert Lindsay."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to further amend by striking out the names of Lewis Kugler, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, William Osborn, Lewis Bornman, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire and Benjamin B. Wilson.

Mr. Hacker

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Kneass and McDonough,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hall, Henszey Kelton, King, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, Steel, Tudor, Waterman and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Barnwell, Black, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Faulkner, Fry, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McDonough McIlwain, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Sites, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 17. Nays 38.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Perkins, Waterman, Wilmer, Vasey, Warnock, Burns, Jones, Burnell, Clay, Hutchinson, Lewis, Maag and Colhoon.

And on the question, "Shall the main question be now put."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Tudor,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Bunnell, Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Day, Faulkner, Hall, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, McDonough, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Sites, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Conrad, Cooper, Fry, Ginnodo, King, Moyer, McFadden, McManus, John Thompson, Wildey and John Miller, President.

Yeas 35. Nays 12.

Agreed to.

The main question being on the amendment of Mr. Mascher,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barnwell, Clay, Day, Fry, Ginnodo, Hall, Keller, Kelton, King, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McNeal, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Waterman, Williams and John Miller, President,

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Black, Bunnell, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Faulkner, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Morris, McDonough, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Stevenson, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 23. Nays 29.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. King,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Andrew Miller,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barnwell, Burns, Clay, Conrad, Dougherty, Fry, Ginnodo, Hall, Kelton, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, Steel, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey and John Miller, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Black, Burnell, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Faulkner, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Morris, McDonough, Mc Makin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Stevenson, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 22. Nays 30.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the second article.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Fry and King,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Faulkner, Hall, Hutchinson, Jones, Keller, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Morris, Mc Donough, McMakin, Palethorp, Perkins, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Wilmer and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Fry, Ginnodo, Iseminger, Kelton, King, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, Steel, John Thompson, Tudor and John Miller, President.

Yeas 29. Nays 21.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Colhoon and McDonough,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Cooper, Dougherty, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McMakin, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Barnwell, Black, Burnell, Clay, Colhoon, Day, Iseminger, Jones, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, McDonough, McIlwain, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Wilmer, and Wolf.

Yeas 12. Nays 21.

A quorum of members not having voted,
It was not agreed.

Mr. Perkins

Moved a call of the house, which being ordered the following members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Baird, Barnwell, Black, Clay, Colhoon, Day, Dougherty, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, McDonough, McIlwain, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 4th, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,

Austin,

Baird,

Black,

Bromley,

Brown,

Burnell,

Butcher,

Clay,

Colhoon,

Conrad,

Cooper,

Dougherty,

Drayton,

Faulkner,

Fitler,

Ford,

Geisler,

Ginnodo,

Hacker,

Hutchinson,

Iseminger,

Kane,

Keller,

Kelton,

Kerr,

King,

Messrs. Kneass,

Lewis,

Maag,

Makins,

Mascher,

Miller, Andrew,

Morris,

Moyer,

McClean,

McDonough,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

O'Neill,

Palethorp,

Parker,

Perkins,

Potts,

Ridgway,

Sites,

Steel,

Stevenson,

Thompson, John,

Thompson, Oscar,

Tuder,

Vanhorn,

Vasey,

Warnock,

Wildey,

Messrs. Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,

Messrs. Wright, B. F.,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the same.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Guardians of the Poor, asking for an appropriation of a portion of the out door relief fund remaining over after the first of July next.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from William L. Hirst, Solicitor of the City, in reference to the opening of Dean street, from Bedford to Duke streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Messrs. C. S. Wright, Mascher, Kerr, Ridgway Sites, Wildey and Geisler,

Each presented petitions from citizens, asking that the Commissioner of Highways may issue a license for Joseph Glenats Franklin street line of Omnibusses.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One from owners of property on Linn street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Faulkner,

One of like import from owners of property on Ringgold street, between Pratt and Brown streets.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Fifteenth street, between Coates street and Ridge Avenue.

Mr. Cooper,

A Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify the owners of property on Huntingdon street between Second and Front streets, to curb and pave the footways in front of their respective properties.

Mr. Geisler,

One from owners of property on Sergeant street, between Frankford Road and Emerald street, in the Ninetenth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways

Mr. Mascher,

A communication from Joseph Wood, asking that an appropriation be made for payment of certain city warrants, with interest.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ford,

One from Townsend Sharpless, asking for the extinguishment of a certain Ground Rent.

Referred to the Committee on Trust and Fire Department.

Mr. Keller,

One from citizens of the Fifteenth Ward, asking that a Fire Plug may be placed on the pavement opposite the Western Engine Company.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. McIlwain,

One from owners of property on Margaret street, between Poplar and Girard Avenue, asking for the location of Public Lamps thereon.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. McIlwain

Presented a communication from Moses H. Emery, a member of the Board of Health from the Twentieth Ward, protesting against the adoption of articles of impeachment against him, as a member of said Board. (Appendix No. 115.)

Mr. Perkins

Moved to return the communication to M. Emery.

Mr. McIlwain

Moved to amend and refer the communicaton to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to lay the amendment of Mr. McIlwain on the table.

Agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Perkins to return the petition,

Mr. Faulkner

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the articles of impeachment against certain members of the Board of Health.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Ginnodo,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Black, Bromley, Bunnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Drayton, Faulkner, Fit-

ler, Geisler, Hutchinson, Kane, Keller, Lewis, Maag, McDonough, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Wolf, C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Brown, Cooper, Dougherty, Ginnodo, Iseminger, Kerr, King, Makins, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Ridgway, Steel, John Thompson, Tudor, Williams, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 29. Nays 23.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Fitler

Moved to suspend the order of the day to take up the unfinished business from Select Council on the President's table.

Not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, March 4, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz:

On the 26th ult., An Ordinance to pay claims against the City of Philadelphia.

On the 26th ult., A Resolution to release certain sureties.

On the 2d inst., An Ordinance to authorize the construction of the Cohocksink Creek, Vine street, Moore street and Twenty-fifth street Culverts.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mascher,

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolved, That Select Council be informed that Common Council will meet them in convention this afternoon at 5 o'clock, to elect a Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Mr. Morris,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioners of Highways be and are hereby directed to have Hope street graded from York street to Dauphin street, and not to expend more than one hundred and fifty dollars in so doing.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Kelton,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Wharves and Landings be instructed to inquire into the expediency of graduating the rates of wharfage to be charged by the lessees of wharves and landings belonging to the City, in a similar manner, and rates as practiced by the City authorities of New York, and that said Committee report to Councils as soon as practicable.

Mr. Kelton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to refer the same to a Special Committee.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Baird

Moved to amend, by striking out "Wharves and Landings" and insert "Finance."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Wilmer,

It was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution to meet in Convention, at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock, this afternoon, to elect a Superintendent of the Police Telegraph.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The officers and members of Select Council were introduced, and being assembled in Convention,

The President

Announced the purpose of convening, to be the election of a Superintendent of Police Telegraph.

Mr. Mascher

Nominated William J. Phillips.

Mr. Cooper

Moved that the nomination close.

Agreed to.

The Convention proceeded to the election.

The Clerks acting as tellers, reported that 59 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Bradford, Cornman, Cuyler, Foster, Frailey, Horrocks, Mott, Roberts, Schofield, Taylor, Verree and Wharton, President,

12, voted for William J. Phillips.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Black, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Geisler, Hacker, Iseminger, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Ridgway, Steel, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President,

47, voted for William J. Phillips,

In all 58 votes.

William J. Phillips having received all the votes cast was declared duly elected.

Select Council having retired,

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants, and interest on costs and judgments obtained on City Warrants, and interest on arrears of ground rents. (Appendix No. 116.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to release the property of one of the sureties of Henry Bickley from the lien of a Judgment. (Appendix No. 117.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report and Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to cancel the bond of William V. McKean and sureties, late Register of Water. (Appendix No. 118.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Resolution No. 70, Common Council File, "to authorize the paving of certain streets, and for other purposes."

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Clay

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the articles of impeachment against the Board of Health.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ginnodo and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Black, Bromley, Bunnell, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Keller, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Vanhorn, Vasey and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander. Brown. Conrad, Dougherty, Ginnodo, Hacker, Iseminger, Kelton. Kerr, King. Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Steel, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Wildey, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 22. Nays 24.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Resolution and Act No. 24, Common Council File, "relative to the Police Department of the City of Philadelphia."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department be instructed to inquire into the expediency of introducing the Fire Alarm Telegraph into all the houses of the Fire Companies in the City of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Fittler

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the unfinished business from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The Resolution to accept the proposals of Alexander Convery and John C. Miller, for furnishing coal for Water Works, being under consideration.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present, for the purpose of reconsidering the vote by which the Resolution No. 70, Common Council File entitled "Resolutions to pave certain streets, and for other purposes was passed.

Mr. Faulkner

Called for a division of the question.

The question being on the First Division, viz, to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

It was agreed to.

The second division was agreed to.

The Resolution being again before the Chamber,

Mr. Fidler

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Resolutions be postponed, and that the Commissioner of Highways and the Surveyor be directed to give the cost of grading as presented.

Agreed to.

The unfinished business from Select Council being resumed,

Mr. Parker

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill to change the names of certain streets, lanes, courts, alleys, &c., in the City of Philadelphia.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution authorizing the Controllors of Public Schools, to draw upon the appropriation to said Board for 1858, to pay bills of the Sectional Boards contracted in 1857.

Being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

The Resolution accepting the proposals of Messrs. Convery and Miller, for supplying coal to Water Works being under consideration.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to commit the same to the Committee on Water Works from Common Council, with instructions to report the price and quantity.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend by adding to the end thereof the following, "And that the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be authorized and required to contract in conformity with the proposals of said parties as specified in the report of the Committee.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

The Resolution directing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw warrants in favor of certain persons therein named,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution accepting certain proposals for furnishing Breckinridge coal oil, best sperm oil, and best No. 1 city rendered tallow, and authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to enter into contracts for the same,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Kerr

Moved to amend by adding \$ 1.25 after "coal oil," and \$ 1.28 after "sperm oil."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

The Resolution requesting the Committee on Surveys and Regulations to report whether the plan of Surveys west of the Schuylkill conforms to those east of the River,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to suspend the order of the day in order to allow him to submit a report from the Special Committee on the Preamble and Resolution offered by Mr. McMakin, in reference to the Guardians of the Poor.

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Submitted a report from the Committee with a Resolution to be discharged. (Appendix No. 119.)

Which being read,

Mr. Perkins

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

The amendment to the Resolution referring the memorials of the Independence, Western and Fairmount Engine Companies, etc,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to concur.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Faulkner and Wildey,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Colhoon, Drayton, Geisler, Kelton, Maag, Mascher, Palethorp, Perkins, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Faulkner, Keller, Kerr, Makins, Mc Fadden, O'Neill, Vasey, Wildey and Wilmer.

Yeas 15. Nays 9.

A quorum not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, That they have passed a Resolution empowering the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to employ two temporary Clerks, for a period not exceeding 30 days each.

The Resolution discharging the Committee on Schools from the further consideration of the application from the Controllers on Public Schools, for \$ 250, to defray the expenses of obtaining certain information

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution requesting the Mayor to call the attention of the Police Magistrates to the duties imposed by the Seventh Section of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Police Department."

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

Mr. Kerr,

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 9th, 1858.

Council met pursuant to the following call:

Philadelphia, March 4, 1858.

JOHN MILLER, Esq.,

President of Common Council.

The undersigned respectfully request that you will call a Special Meeting of Common Council, to be held at their Chamber, on Tuesday the 9th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering:

FIRST.—The remaining articles of impeachment against certain members of the Board of Health, together with the Resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Law, submitting said articles of impeachment. (Common Council Journal, Appendix No. 100, pages 1, 82, et seq.)

SECOND.—Ordinance on Common Council File No. 2, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, &c."

THIRD.—The unfinished business on the President's table.

Very Respectfully,

Robert P. Kane,	H. R. Kneass,
Robert Palethorp,	Thomas W. Butcher,
Samuel C. Perkins,	A. K. Colhoon,
C. I. Lewis,	Adam Maag,
William R. Black,	Joseph P. Fitler,
E. H. Faulkner,	B. F. Wright,
Joseph A. Clay,	John Vasey,
William W. Burnell,	Charles Vanhorn,
C. B. F. O'Neill,	George W. Wolf.
W. H. Drayton,	

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.

Clerk of Common Council,

Will please call a Special Meeting of the Common Council in accordance with the foregoing requisition.

JOHN MILLER,

President of Common Council.

The President in the chair,

Members present :

Messrs. Black,

Clay,

Colhoon,

Cooper,

Day,

Deal,

Dougherty,

Drayton,

Faulkner,

Fitler,

Hutchinson,

Kerr,

King,

Kneass,

Maag,

Mascher,

Miller, Andrew

Miller, John, President.

Messrs. McClean,

McDonough,

McFadden,

McIlwain,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

O'Neill,

Perkins,

Schoch,

Sites,

Thompson, John,

Waterman,

Willey,

Williams,

Wolf,

Wright, B. F.

A quorum of members not being present,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Perkins and Colhoon,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Day, King, Mascher, Andrew Miller,

McClellan, McIlwain, Schoch, Stevenson, John Thompson, Waterman, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Hutchinson, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, McDonough, McFadden, McMakin, Mc Manus, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins, Sites, Wildey, Williams and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 12. Nays 24.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn until 6 o'clock.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to amend by striking out "adjourn until 6 o'clock," and inserting the words "take a recess for fifteen minutes."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Clay and Perkins,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Clay, Colhoon, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Hutchinson. Kerr, Kneass, Maag, McClellan, McDonough, McFadden, Mc Manus, Mc Neal, O'Neill, Perkins, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyer, Cooper, Hacker, King, Mascher, McMakin, Schoch, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and John Miller, President.

Yeas 27. Nays 10.

Agreed to.

The time for which a recess was taken having expired,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Perkins and McMakin,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Day, King, Mascher, Sites, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Black, Clay, Colhoon, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Hacker, Holman, Hutchinson, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, McDonough, McFadden, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins, Vanhorn, Vasey, Williams, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 9. Nays 26.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 11th, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Bassitt,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon
Conrad,,
Cooper,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Gillin,
Ginnodo,
Handy,

Messrs. Henszey,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
King,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Moyer,
McClean,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Perkins,
Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,

Messrs. Taylor,
 Thompson, John,
 Thompson, Oscar,
 Tudor,
 Vanhorn,
 Vasey,
 Warnock,

Messrs. Waterman,
 Wildey,
 Williams,
 Wilmer,
 Wolf,
 Wright, B. F.
 Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following :

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
 First School District of Pennsylvania,
 Philadelphia, March 10th. 1857.

At a Meeting of the Controllers of Public Schools, First District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers' Chamber, on Tuesday March 9th, 1858, the following Resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the City Councils be requested to make a special appropriation of four hundred and seventy-five dollars, (\$ 475,) for the purpose of erecting an additional stairway in the Monroe Grammar School, Fourteenth Section.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board be instructed to inform the City Councils that a large portion of the property held for school purposes, was insured in the Philadelphia Insurance Company, which has made an assignment.

ROBERT J. HEMPHILL,
 Secretary.

To JOHN MILLER, Esq.,

President of Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Also, the following :

Philadelphia, March 11th, 1858.

To the President and members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

In reply to a communication of Councils, asking for information as to the cost of grading certain streets embraced in a Resolution reported to Councils by the Committee on Highways, February 18th, 1858, ordering said streets to be paved,

I would respectfully report that the grading of the larger portion of them will not involve the City in any expense, as it will be done by the parties paving them. To grade those which will have to be done at the cost of the City, will in my opinion, require an outlay of about sixteen hundred dollars, exclusive of Front street, from York to Cambria, on this street the grading is heavy, and I would prefer the Surveyor of the District should make an estimate of the number of yards of grading necessary to be done.

I would beg leave to add, that all the paving contemplated to be done by the Resolution reported, is to be paid for by the owners of property upon the line of the streets named; and Councils have heretofore uniformly ordered the necessary grading to be done preparatory to paving.

This is the first Resolution for paving and grading that has been reported by the Committee on Highways, since the 1st of January; and unless Councils order the grading to be done the paving of the streets cannot be proceeded with.

Yours Respectfully,

JOHN MCCARTHY,

Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners, inviting Councils to appoint a Delegation to the Quarantine and Sanitary Convention, to be held in Baltimore, on the 29th of April.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

A communication from George M. Stroud, submitting Resolutions of the General Relief Association of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Poor.

Also,

A petition from citizens of the Thirteenth Ward, asking for the passage of the Ordinance providing for the purchase and consolidation of the several Gas Works.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Iseminger,

One from owners of property on Union street, between Bedford and West streets, in the Eighteenth Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Jarvis street, between Front and Second streets, in the First Ward.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One of like import from owners of property on Meredith street, between Beach and Carbon streets.

Mr. Keller,

One from citizens of the Fifteenth Ward, asking for the construction of an inlet, at the intersection of Brown street and Ridge Avenue.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Baird,

One from the licensed Pawnbrokers of the City, remonstrating against the passage of a supplement to the existing Ordinance regulating the same.

Mr. Warnock,

One of like import.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. B. F. Wright,

A communication from owners of property on Clinton street, releasing claims for damages incurred by the opening of said street, in the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Kane,

One from owners of property in Germantown, remonstrating against a portion of the plan of the Ninth District.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys.

Mr. Wolf,

A petition from citizens of Twenty-second School Section, asking for an increase of school accommodations.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Stevenson,

On leave granted, read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the release of damages for opening streets, and for other purposes." (Appendix No. 120.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay six months salary of officers of the Board of Health." (Appendix No. 121.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration.

Mr. Clay

Moved to strike out the salary of Clerk.

Not agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to proceed to a third reading of the Bill.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for one week.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Colhoon and Perkins,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Burnell, Colhoon, Cooper, Fittler, Geisz, Geisler, Kelton, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Warnock, Wilmer and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Butcher, Clay, Conrad, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Ford, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Lewis, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Waterman, Wildey, Williams and John Miller, President.

Yeas 18. Nays 37.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved that Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole, for special amendment.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out "special" and insert "general."

Agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Was called to the Chair, and after some time the Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill with the following amendments, to come in at the end of the First Section :

Provided, That the City Controller shall not counter-sign any warrant in favor of any of the said officers, whose duty it is to collect and receive public monies, until such officers have fully accounted to the Controller for all monies that has come into his hands by virtue of his office, and has paid all such monies to the City Treasurer.

And provided further, That no part of the said appropriation shall be used for any other purpose than for the payment of salaries, as is provided for in this Ordinance.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Agreed to.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report and Ordinance with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay deficiencies contracted in 1857, and for other purposes." (Appendix No. 122.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Resolution No 70, Common Council File entitled "Resolutions to authorize the paving of certain streets and for other purposes."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Colhoon,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Cooper, Deal, Dougherty, Faulkner, Ford, Geisler, Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wolf and John Miller, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Clay, Colhoon, Conrad, Drayton, Geisz, Perkins, Sites, Stevenson and Williams.

Yeas 45. Nays 9.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Resolutions were adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the Fourth Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Fitler,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Black, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Deal, Dougherty, Ford, Geisz, Geisler, Ginnodo, Henszey, Holman, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kelton, King, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Williams, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Fitler, Makins, Mascher, Sites, Stevenson and Oscar Thompson.

Yeas 47. Nays 7.

Agreed to.

The Fifth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Wildey

Moved to amend by adding the following :

Provided, said grading shall be done by contract, with the lowest bidder, who will give the requisite security for the faithful performance of his duties, for which contracts the Highway Department shall receive sealed proposals, to be invited by advertisement.

Mr. McClean

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, viz :

Messrs. Kane, Keller, Vasey, Andrew Miller, Warnock, Burnell, Perkins, McClean, McManus, Maag, Geisz, Butcher and Boyer.

The question being, " Shall the main question be now put ? "

It was agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Wildey,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Wildey and Stevenson,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barnwell, Black, Brown, Fitler, Geisz, Kelton, Kershaw, King, Makins, Moyer, Perkins, Ridgway, Sites, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Geisler, Gillin, Handy, Holman, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 18. Nays 44.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Brown,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Dougherty, Faulkner, Fry, Geiler, Gillin, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Perkins, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Black, Brown, Fitler, Makins, Moyer, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Wildey.

Yeas 45. Nays 10.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Resolution entitled "Resolution providing for the entry of satisfaction upon a certain judgment against William H. Dale."

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize certain improvements on the Girard Estates to be paid for out of the income."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the City Solicitor to cancel the bond of William V. McKean and sureties, late Register of Water.

Also,

In the Resolution entitled "Resolution to release certain property of Henry Bickley, from the lien of a judgment hereinafter mentioned."

Also,

In the amendments to Select Council Resolution to accept proposals for furnishing Breckenridge Coal Oil, &c., for the use of the Watering Department.

Also,

In the amendments to Select Council Resolution accepting the proposals of Messrs. Convery and Miller, for supplying coal to Water Works.

Also,

In "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants, and interest and costs on judgments obtained on city warrants, and interest on arrears of ground rent."

Also,

In "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay six months salary of the officers of the Board of Health."

With the following amendment:

Amend Section 1 by inserting before the word "year" the words "first half of the."

Also,

In "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay deficiencies contracted in the year 1857, and for other purposes."

With the following amendments.

Amend in item one by inserting before "five" the words "for printing," in item two by inserting before "three" the words "for printing," in item three by inserting before "one" the words "for printing."

Also,

Amend in item four, by adding at the end thereof, the words "thirty-five dollars."

Mr. Perkins

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the business from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The Resolution to enter satisfaction on the bond of William H. Dale was considered read twice and adopted.

The amendment to the Ordinance to pay the salaries of the officers of the Board of Health,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

The Ordinance to authorize certain improvements on the Girard Estates to be paid out of the income,

Being under consideration,

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Amendments of Select Council to Common Council Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the deficiencies contracted in the year 1857, and for other purposes.

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

The Resolution authorizing the Agent of the Girard Estates to rent a room in the Girard Building to the Commissioner of City Property,

Being under consideration,

Mr. McFadden

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on City Property.

Agreed to.

The Resolution accepting the proposals of E. J. Etting and Brother and others, for furnishing pig, lead, gasketing, &c., for the use of the Department for supplying the City with Water,

Was considered read twice and adopted.

An Ordinance Supplementary to An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1858," being under consideration.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

The question being on the motion to proceed to a third reading.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Wildey,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Deal, Drayton, Holman, Makins, Mascher, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Perkins, Ridgway, Schoch, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Warnock, Waterman, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Iseminger, Taylor and Wildey.

Yeas 27. Nays 4.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 18, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Alexander,
Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Black,
Boyer,
Boyle,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Hall,
Henszey,
Holman,
Hutchinson,

Messrs. Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Kerr,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins.
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew
Morris,
Moyer,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Perkins,
Potts,
Ridgway,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,

Messrs. Thompson, Oscar, Messrs. Willey,
Tuder, Williams,
Vanhorn, Wilmer,
Vasey, Wolf,
Warnock, Wright, B. F.
Waterman, Wright, C. S.
 Miller, John, President.

The Clerk having commenced reading the minutes of the last meeting,

Mr. Wolf

Moved to suspend the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from Samuel P. Fearon, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the United Hose Company, for a breach of the Ordinance regulating the Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

The following from the City Solicitor :

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, March 18, 1858.

To the Select and Common Councils of
the City of Philadelphia:

In the year 1846, Mr. John Hemphill gave two bonds for \$12,500 each, to the Guardians of the Poor, payable in ten and twelve years. Mr. Hemphill has no means to satisfy this debt, or any part of it, as I am informed, and on examination, believe his friends offer to pay the City \$2000 to compromise and settle it.

I respectfully recommend that Councils authorize the settlement of the debt, on the terms offered, upon investigation by the proper Committee.

WILLIAM L. HIRST,
City Solicitor.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Also, the following :

HEALTH OFFICE.

Philadelphia, March 16, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The undersigned in behalf of a Committee composed of five members of the Board of Health, the Port Physician and the Physician to the City Hospital to represent the Board of Health in the Quarentine Convention, to meet in Baltimore in April next, respectfully urge that an appropriation of \$200 be made to defray the expenses of the said Committee.

The Committee respectfully suggest, that the healthful influence of the last Quarentine Convention, has been made apparent not only in this City, but in every City on the seaboard, they therefore urge the appropriation as not a local but a national measure.

Very respectfully,

JOHN H. WEIR,

Chairman of Committee.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Also, the following :

OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES.

Philadelphia, March 18, 1858.

To the President and members of Common Council,

GENTLEMEN :

The term for which this Department was authorized by Joint Resolutions of Councils, approved January 7, 1858, to continue the services of the eight temporary Clerks employed in this office, will expire on the 8th proximo.

The average receipts of the office are about \$3,300, per deim. If the services of the eight temporary Clerks are dispensed with, there will be but four receiving Clerks to perform the services now executed by twelve.

The appropriation provides for the payment of the whole number, and I apprehend it is unnecessary to say that the whole number now employed are required.

Respectfully, Your Obt. Ser'vt,

PETER ARMBRUSTER,

Receiver of Taxes.

Mr. Iseminger

Presented a petition from owners of property on Jefferson Avenue, south of Greenwich street, in the First Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Bromley,

One from owners of property in the Twenty-first Ward, asking for the opening of Tower street.

Mr. Burns,

One of like import from owners of property on Orchard, Church and Unity streets, in the late Borough of Frankford, asking for the opening of Orchard street, between Church and Unity streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways:

Mr. Day,

A communication from William J. Hubbard, of Richmond Virginia, addressed to Hon. Thomas B. Florence, proposing to Councils to place in Independence or Washington Square a bronze statue of Washington.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. McMakin,

One from citizens of the Sixth Ward, asking that a Fire Plug may be placed in North street, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Mr. Holman

One from owners of property on Clinton Street, be.

tween Norris and Diamond streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid thereon

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Jones

One from the Relief Hose company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Kneass

One of like import from the Live Oak Hose company.

Mr. Waterman

One from the Diligent Engine company, asking that a Fire Alarm Telegraph may be placed in their building.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. O'Neill

One from William Wharton, Jr., and others, asking that the ends of the Market Houses, at Fourth and Seventh streets, on Market street, may be appropriated for the sale of Fish.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Holman,

A Bill from Charles Houghton, M. D., for professional services rendered at the Nineteenth Ward Station House.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Kneass,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that gas lamps may be placed on certain streets in said ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Boyle

One from the Moyamensing Soup Society, asking for a donation of a lot of ground, for the purpose of erecting a Soup House thereon.

Mr. Boyle

Moved that the same be referred to a Joint Special Committee of three members.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Boyle, Tudor and Perkins, on the part of Common Council.

Mr. Wolf,

A communication from William H. Squire, M. D., member of the Board of Health, from the Twenty-second Ward, in relation to the articles of impeachment against the Board of Health. (Appendix No. 123.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Taylor

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, that the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, that the City Solicitor be and hereby is authorized and required to enter satisfaction on a certain Judgment, entered in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the Eastern District, to July term, 1857, No. 48, in which the City of Philadelphia is plaintiff and David Doane and others defendants.

Mr. Taylor

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Law.

Agreed to.

Mr. Morris,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of City Property be and he is hereby authorized to commence improving the Norris Square ; and to expend the appropriation made for that purpose.

Mr. Cooper

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by adding thereto, as follows :

The same to be used in filling up the said Square upon a level with the surrounding streets, and said work to be given out by contract, and proposals be invited under the control of the Committee on City Property.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Wildey and Colhoon,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Bromley, Brown, Colhoon, Conrad, Drayton, Ginnodo, Hall, Henszey, Maag, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Wildey, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Boyer, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Day, Deal, Geisler, Holman, Isenminger, Jones, Kane, Lewis, Mascher, Morris, McFaddan, Mellwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neil, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Waterman and Williams.

Yeas 19. Nays 33.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the articles of impeachment against the Board of Health.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Perkins and Wildey,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Black, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Ginnodo, Hall, Jones, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, McNeal, Perkins, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vasey and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Boyer, Bromley, Butcher, Day, Deal, Drayton, Gillin, Henszey, Iseminger, Kane, Mascher, Morris, McFadden, Mellwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Schoch, John Thompson, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, C. S. Wright and John Millier, President.

Yeas 22. Nays 25.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to apply for an injunction to prevent the Guardians of the Poor, as well as Messrs. Smeeton and Brother, from proceeding to introduce Gas into the Almshouse, if in his opinion such would be the proper remedy, and that he cause notice to be given to the said parties, that the City will not be responsible if they undertake to proceed with the work.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to refer the same to the Special Committee on that subject.

Mr. Ginnodo

Asked leave to have read a paper relating to that subject.

Mr. McMakin

Moved that leave be granted.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. McMakin and Wildey,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Geisler, Ginnodo, Kneass, Maag, Mellwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Ridgway, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Waterman, Wildey, Williams and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Drayton Faulkner, Fitler, Lewis, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, Vasey, Warnock and John Miller, President.

Yeas 24. Nays 21.

Agreed to.

The paper having been read.

Mr. Ginnodo

Withdrew the same.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend by striking out "Special Committee," and inserting "the Committee on Poor."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. McMakin and Waterman,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Black, Boyle, Cooper, Geisler, Mascher, Potts, Vanhorn and Williams.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Deal, Drayton, Fitler, Hall, Jones, Kane, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 10. Nays 41.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Drayton,
It was agreed to.

Mr. Burnell,

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Committee on Finance be, and is hereby authorized, to bring in a bill creating a loan for the construction of the Bridge at Chesnut street, and for the construction of the following culverts. as per Ordinance No. 17, Cohocksink Creek Culvert, Vine street Culvert, Moore street Culvert, and Twenty fifth street Culvert.

Mr. Burnell

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Fitler

On leave granted,

Read in place, a Bill entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to 'An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the

department, for supplying the City with water, for the year 1858.'” (Appendix No. 124.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Bromley,

On leave granted submitted a report from the Special Committee of members, from the Twenty-first Ward, with a Resolution changing the place of holding the election in the Fourth Precinct in said Ward. (Appendix No. 125.)

Mr. Bromley

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Burns

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 22, Common Council File entitled “An Ordinance to establish and regulate a market in the late Borough of Frankford, Twenty-third Ward.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported back the Resolution from Select Council authorizing the Controllors of Public Schools to draw upon the appropriation to said Board, for 1858, to pay Bills of the Sectional Boards contracted in 1857. (Appendix No. 126.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of certain expenses of that Department incurred in 1857." (Appendix No. 127.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Perkins

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, and that the Bill be printed for the use of the members.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Perkins and Fitler,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Burnell, Butcher, Conrad, Drayton, Fitler, Ginnode, Hall, Kane, McMakin, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins and John Thompson.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Boyle, Burns, Colhoon, Cooper, Deal, Faulkner, Geisler, Holman, Kerr, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, Potts, Stevenson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 13. Nays 32.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report what the amounts are to be paid for.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend as follows :

That the report of the Committee on Finance, making an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, be referred to a Special Committee of three members of this Chamber, to re-examine the same and report to this Chamber at the next meeting of Councils.

Mr. Holman

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance Supplementary to an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water, for the year 1858.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Wildey and Moyer,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Burnell, Burns, Cooper, Deal, Faulkner, Geisler, Hall, Holman, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Mascher, McFadden, Mellwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Colhoon, Conrad, Day, Drayton, Ginnodo, Maag, Moyer, Perkins, Potts, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and Wildey.

Yeas 31. Nays 13.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed an Ordinance to re-organize the Board of Health.

Also,

An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the Fund under the twenty-second Item of the will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of the City, and for other purposes.

Also,

A Resolution accepting of a portrait of Gen. Nathaniel Green, painted in oil, and returning the thanks of the City to the donor, Mr. B. Otis.

Also,

That they have received a report from the Committee to verify the cash account of the City Treasurer.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution authorizing the paving of certain streets and for other purposes.

Also,

That they have non-concurred in the action of Common Council, in referring the petition from the Committee of the Moyamensing Soup Society, asking the donation of a lot of ground for the purpose of erecting a soup house, to a joint Special Committee.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to

the consideration of the Bill from Select Council entitled
“An Ordinance to re-organize the Board of Health.”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boyle, Burns, Colhoon, Day, Drayton, Fitler, Geisler, Jones, Maag, Mascher, McIlwain, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wildey, Williams and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold Austin, Baird, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Cooper, Deal, Hall, Holman, Kane, Kneass, Lewis, Moyer, McFadden, Mc Manus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, John Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 18. Nays 32.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill Common Council, Appendix No. 114, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Samuel C. Thompson, late Commissioner of Market Houses, for clerk hire and extra services during his term of office.”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Wildey and Geisler,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Day, Deal, Faulkner, Kane, Maag, Mascher, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Cooper, Geisler, Holman, Kerr, Moyer and Wildey.

Yeas 31. Nays 6.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kane

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Baird, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Ginnodo, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Mascher, Moyer, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Stevenson, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Wilmer, B. F. Wright and John Miller, President.

Mr. Wildey

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 25th, 1858.

Council met.

In the absence of the President,

Mr. McMakin

Moved that Mr. Day take the Chair.

Agreed to.

Members present :

Messrs. Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Handy,

Messrs. Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Maag,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Moyer,
McClean,
McDonough,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,

Messrs. Perkins,	Messrs. Vanhorn,
Potts,	Vasey,
Schoch,	Warnock,
Sites,	Waterman,
Steel,	Willey,
Stevenson,	Williams,
Thompson, John,	Wilmer,
Thompson, Oscar,	Wolf,
Tuder,	Wright, B. F.
	Wright, C. S.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Ginnodo

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Iseminger

Presented a petition from owners of property on Second street, between Moore and Mifflin streets, in the First Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Church street, between Franklin and Mifflin streets, in the First Ward.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Wharton street, between Thirteenth and Seventeenth streets, in the First Ward.

Mr. Waterman,

One of like import from owners of property on Twenty-third street, between Arch and Vine streets.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One of like import from owners of property on Earp street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, in the First Ward.

Mr. Holman,

One of like import from owners of property on Emerald street, between Front street and Lehigh Avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. B. F. Wright,

One of like import from owners of property on Cabot street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Butcher,

One of like import from owners of property on Thirty-fifth street, northward from Bridge street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr Iseminger,

One from owners of property on Wharton street, between Thirteenth and Seventeenth streets, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Mr B. F. Wright,

One of like import from owners of property on Cabot street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Baird

One from the Hope Hose Company, asking that a telegraph alarm box may be placed in their house.

Mr. B. F. Wright,

One from the Eagle Hose Company, asking that they may be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Perkins,

One from P. P. Morris, Esq., asking that the City Solicitor may be authorized to compromise certain claims.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Hutchinson,

One from owners of property on which streets have been constructed at their expense, asking for a repeal of the Ordinance requiring them to pay rent for the use of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Ford,

One from Citizens of the First Division, Tenth Ward, asking that the place of holding the election may be changed.

Referred to the members from the Ward.

Mr. Ginnodo,

One from owners of property in the vicinity of Race and Path street, asking for the location of a Gas Lamp.

Mr. McManus,

One of like import from owners of property on Salmon street between Cumberland street and Reading Railroad.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Holman,

One from Victuallers and holders of stalls in Girard Avenue Markets, asking for the removal of obstructions at the corners of the Market Houses.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Moyer,

A Bill from Dr. Updegrove, for salary as Vaccine Physician of the Eighteenth Ward, for the year 1856.

Mr. Wolf,

One of like import from James Ash, M. D., Twenty-second Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Butcher,

One from citizens of the Sixth Division of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that the place of holding the election may be changed.

Referred to the members from the Ward.

Mr. Geisler,

Presented the Annual report of the Richmond Gas Company, for the year 1857. (Appendix No. 128.)

The President

A communication from James P. Gregory, suggesting the expediency of changing the place of holding the election, in the Second Division of the Second Ward.

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, March 25th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 15th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants, &c.

On the 15th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay deficiencies contracted in the year 1857, and for other purposes.

On the 15th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay six months salary of the officers of the "Board of Health."

On the 22d inst., A Resolution to release certain property of Henry Bickley from the lien of a judgment hereinafter mentioned.

On the 22d inst., A Resolution authorizing the paving of certain streets, and for other purposes.

On the 22d inst., A Resolution to cancel the bond of Wm. V. McKean and sureties, late Register of Water.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. McMakin

On leave granted, submitted a report from the Special Committee of members of the Sixth Ward, with a Resolution to change the place of holding the election in the Third Division of said Ward. (Appendix No. 129.)

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Stevenson

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the City Controller be authorized and required to compare and audit the accounts and books of the late Receiver of Taxes, John M. Coleman, with a view to a final settlement of the same ; also, so far as practicable the books and accounts of the present Receiver of Taxes, Peter Armbruster. And said Controller is requested if necessary, to communicate to Councils any additional requirements on his part to carry the above into effect.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with Resolutions releasing Hugh Gamble and sureties, and authorizing the Receiver of Taxes to continue four temporary Clerks. (Appendix No. 130.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Eli K. Price, Esq., and certain other claims against the City of Philadelphia, incurred during the years 1855, '56, and '57. (Appendix No. 131.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to amend by adding thereto as follows :

"ITEM 7.—Thomas B. Beck, for straw, oats, &c., furnished the Philadelphia Almshouse, one hundred and forty-two dollars and twenty-five cents."

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the Bill, Appendix No. 127, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of certain expenses of that Department incurred in 1857."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report with Resolutions to authorize the paving of Jarvis and other streets, and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 132.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Sites

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Resolutions and that they be printed for the use of the members.

Not agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Resolutions were considered, read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Ontario, Davis and Stiles streets, in the Twentieth Ward." (Appendix No. 133.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Preamble and Title were agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the third reading of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Sites and Boyer,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisz, Geisler, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, Mc Makin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Fitler, King, Moyer, Sites and Stevenson.

Yeas 46. Nays 6.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Burnell

Moved to suspend the order of the day for the purpose of considering the business on the President's table.

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claims of John K. Murphy, late Marshal of Police, and F. W. Binder, Police Magistrate of the Fifteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 134.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same and refer it to the Committee on Claims.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to strike out that part of the Section that refers to the claim of John K. Murphy.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Law.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out the sum of "\$ 1171.42," and insert in lieu thereof "\$ 398.52."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by striking out the letter "s" in "Claims," and "John K. Murphy, late Marshal of Police, and."

Agreed to.

The Title as amended was agreed to.

And the Bill was by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Drayton

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, That the claim of John K. Murphy, for horse hire, &c., be referred to the Committee on Claims, with instructions to report at the next meeting of Councils.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. McIlwain

Moved to amend by striking out "Claims" and inserting "Law."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Iseminger,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Whereas, By reason of the decease of the owner and proprietor; the place of holding elections in the Second Division of the Second Ward has been closed as a public house, and the legal representatives not being willing that such elections shall be held at that place hereafter, therefore

Resolved, By Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that elections in the Second Division of the Second Ward of the City, shall hereafter be held at the house of James McClaskey, at the north west corner of Second and Washington Streets, and that the Clerks of Councils be required to notify the Sheriff immediately of the change.

Mr. Iseminger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the introduction of

Telegraph Signal Boxes into the houses of certain companies." (Appendix No. 135.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend by striking out all after the word "and" in the ninth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

In such of the Engine and Hose Houses of the City as are situate most distant from the Alarm Boxes now located; the said houses in case of doubt or difficulty, to be designated by the Chief Engineer.

Select Council,

Informed Common Council, that they have passed "An Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the Seventh Division of the Twenty-second Ward, and to create an additional Division in the said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division."

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to lay water pipes on Green and Till streets.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing an expenditure of six hundred dollars for making Water Pipe plans.

Also,

A Resolution requesting the Members of the Legislature to urge the passage of an Act for the removal of the Powder Magazine.

Also,

A Resolution discharging the Committee from the further consideration of the petition of Denslow and Foster, relative to the purchase and use of a patented protector of trees : and authorizing the Committee on City Property to proceed with the improvement of Hunting Park.

Also,

A Resolution relating to the contract for the supplying of Sperm Oil, for the year 1858.

Also,

A Resolution discharging the Committee on Law from the further consideration of George Cubbler's petition, for the release of his sureties.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on a certain judgment.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution in reference to improving Norris Square, with the following amendments, viz :

Amend by adding at end of Resolution as follows :

"Provided, that advertisement be made by the Commissioner of City Property, inviting the deposit of dirt in the cavity of said Square, by all persons willing to deposit it there at a price not exceeding ten cents for a full cart load, not less than sixteen cubic feet."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution authorizing the City Controller to compare and audit the books of the

late Receiver of Taxes, and also the books of the present Receiver."

Also,

In the Resolutions entitled "Resolutions to authorize the paving of Jarvis and other streets, and for other purposes."

Also,

In the Resolution to enter satisfaction on the official bond of Hugh Gamble, and to authorize the Receiver of Taxes to employ four temporary Clerks until the 18th of May, 1858.

Also,

In the Resolution changing the place of holding the election, in the Second Division of Second Ward.

Also,

In the Resolution to change the place of holding the election in the Fourth Division of the Twenty-first Ward.

Also,

In the Resolution to change a Precinct House of Third Precinct, Sixth Ward.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill to make an appropriation for the purpose of introducing Telegraph Signal Boxes into the houses of certain Companies, to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council, changing the boundary lines of Seventh Division Twenty-second Ward, and to establish a new Division, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division.

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to proceed to the second reading of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Preamble and Title were agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council having resumed the consideration of the Bill to make an appropriation for the purpose of introducing Telegraph Signal Boxes into the Houses of certain Companies.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, to proceed to the consideration of the business on the President's table.

Agreed to.

The Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer to lay water pipe on Green and Till streets,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution authorizing an expenditure of \$ 600, for making water pipe plans,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution requesting the members of the Legislature to urge the passage of an Act for the removal of the Powder Magazine,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The amendments of Select Council to the Resolution for improving Norris Square,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Holman

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

The Bill to make an appropriation out of the fund under the twenty-second item of the will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of the City and for other purposes,

Being under consideration,

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Girard Estates, from Common Council.

Agreed to.

Mr. Kneass

On leave granted, submitted a report from the Special Committee of members of the Twenty-fourth Ward, with a Resolution changing the place of holding the election of the Sixth Division of the said Ward. (Appendix No. 136.)

Mr. Kneass

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Kneass

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Law.

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin,

Chairman of the Committee on Poor,

Submitted a report with a Resolution discharging the Committee from the further consideration of the Resolution from the Guardians of the Poor, asking Councils for the authority to expend one half of the remaining fourth of unexpended appropriation for out door relief. (Appendix No. 137.)

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McManus

On leave granted, submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the sale of all kinds of fish at the west end of the Market Houses, at Fourth, Seventh and Seventeenth streets, on Market street, in the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 138.)

Mr. McManus

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 1st, 1858.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Maag

Moved that Mr. Day take the Chair.

Agreed to.

Members present :

Messrs. Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Hall,
Handy,
Henszey,

Messrs. Holman,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Perkins,

Messrs. Potts,	Messrs. Vanhorn,
Schoch,	Vasey,
Sites,	Warnock,
Stevenson,	Wildey,
Taylor,	Williams,
Thompson, John,	Wilmer,
Thompson, Oscar,	Wolf,
Tuder,	Wright, B. F.
	Wright, C. S.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Cooper

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from Peter Armbruster, Receiver of Taxes, asking that an appropriation be made to defray the expenses of making out the duplicates of the Personal Taxes for the Aldermen of the several Wards. (Appendix No. 139.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, April 1st, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 27th ult. A Resolution authorizing the Controller to audit the books of John M. Coleman, late Receiver of Taxes.

On the 27th ult. A Resolution to authorize the paving of Jarvis and other streets, and for other purposes.

On the 27th ult. A Resolution to change the place of holding election, in Second Division Second Ward.

On the 27th ult. A Resolution authorizing the Receiver of Taxes to employ four temporary Clerks.

On the 27th ult. A Resolution to authorize the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the bond of Hugh Gamble.

On the 27th ult. A Resolution to change the place of holding election, in Fourth Division Twenty-first Ward.

On the 27th ult. A Resolution to change the place of holding election, in Third Division Sixth Ward.

On the 27th ult. A Resolution improving Norris Square.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also, the following :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, March 31st, 1857.

To the President and members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

An Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Citizens Passenger Railway Company, has been passed by the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, and approved the 25th day of March, A. D., 1858."

By the Seventh Section of the said Act of Assembly, it is thus provided: "that before the said Company shall use and occupy the said streets, the consent of the Councils of the City of Philadelphia shall be first obtained, and said consent shall be taken and deemed to have been given, if said Councils shall not within thirty days after the passage of this Act, by Ordinance thus passed, signify their disapprobation thereof, &c."

I feel it my duty to inform you of the existence of this law, that you may take such action on the proviso of the Seventh Section thereof, as you may deem for the best interests of the Citizens of Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Oscar Thompson

Presented a petition from owners of property on Evangelist street, asking that water pipes may be laid therein.

Mr. Boyer,

One of like import from owners of property on Jefferson street between Fourth street and Germantown Road.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

One from the consumers of Gas in the lower section of the City, asking for the consolidation of the several gas works.

Mr. Burnell,

One from owners of property on Wood street between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that gas pipes may be laid therein.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Baird,

One from the owners of wharf property on the south side of Lombard street on the river Schuylkill, calling attention to the condition of Lombard street Wharf.

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Stevenson,

One from citizen of Philadelphia, asking that the laws against forestalling may be enforced.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Warnock,

One from C. Sherman & Son, asking the privilege of constructing a culvert from their building at the southwest corner of Seventh and Cherry streets.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

One from owners of property on Green street, in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Dougherty,

One from owners of property on Lewis street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, asking that flag tramways may be placed therein instead of cobble stone, in the repaving of the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that a public lamp may be placed on Rainbow street, between Blair street and Trenton Avenue.

Mr. Holman,

One of like import from owners of property on Dauphin street, between Lemon and West streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Lemon street, between York and Vienna streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Blair street, between Wood and Dauphin streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. McMakin,

One from John R. Fenner, Coroner, asking for an appropriation to pay the expenses of office, rent, &c., for the year 1858.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolution to release certain property of Henry Bickley, from the lien of a judgment hereafter mentioned.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment entered in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the Eastern District, to January Term, 1857, No. 54, wherein the City of Philadelphia is plaintiff, and Samuel P. Fearon, Henry Bickley and William F. Potts, are defendants, the following described property owned by Henry Bickley, one of the said defendants, viz: all that certain yearly sum or ground rent of fifty-one dollars and twenty cents half yearly, issuing and payable on the first days of January and July in each year, for and out of all that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the north side of Barker street, which runs westwardly from Sixteenth street, lately known as Schuylkill Seventh street, and between Market and Chestnut streets, in the City of Philadelphia, beginning at the distance of one hundred and fifty feet eastward from the east side of Seventeenth street, late Schuylkill Sixth street, and containing sixteen feet in front or breadth on said Barker street, and extending of that width northwardly, forty feet in length or depth to a sixteen feet wide alley in the rear, leading into said Seventeenth street.

Provided, The other defendants in said judgment consent thereto.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Burns

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to notify the owners of property who have not curbed and paved their footways on the following named streets, to wit : Bridge street from the Frankford Creek to the Tacony Plank Road ; Frankford street, from Paul street to the little Tacony Creek ; Leiper street, from Otholox to Church street ; Otholox, from Leiper street to the Tacony Plank Road ; Franklin street, from Sellers to Church streets ; Oxford street, from Frankford to Josephine streets ; Green street, from Frankford to Paul streets ; Tacony street, from Frankford to Orchard streets ; Thomas street, from Green to Tacony streets ; Josephine street, from Church to Oxford street ; Waln street, from Church to Unity streets ; Unity street, from Waln to Oxford streets ; Hedge street, from Unity to Meadow streets ; Meadow street, from Hedge to Paul streets ; Foulkrod street, from Frankford to Cherry streets ; Adams street, from Frankford street to the junction of the Frankford and Germantown Plank Road, in the Twenty-third Ward ; to set their curb, grade and pave their footways in front of their respective properties in accordance with the laws and ordinances made and provided for the same, and in case parties notified, neglect or refuse to comply with their respective notices within thirty days, the Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to employ such parties on such portions of the work, who will engage to do the same, and collect the proper cost from the respective owners.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved that the Chairman proceed to call the Committee from where the reports of the same were made at the last meeting.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution, directing the Mayor to protest against the passage by the Legislature of bills for the construction of City Passenger Railways, without requiring the previous approval of the rout, &c., by Councils, and also asking the passage of the act, conferring upon Councils power to legislate upon the whole subject.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Trust and Fire Department, submitted at the last meeting with the bill attached, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the introduction of Telegraph signal boxes into the houses of certain Companies.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Black, Burnell, Cooper, Day, Faulkner, Geisler, Ginnode, Holman, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, Mc Manus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Bromley, Butcher, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Hall, Handy, Iseminger, Jones, Andrew Miller, McIlwain, Schoch, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Williams and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 28. Nays 21.

The Chair having decided the motion to be carried in the affirmative,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Presented the following :

The President having determined that the suspension of the rules to enable the chair to commence calling the Committees to day where we left off on Thursday last, suspended the rules to take up the Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the introduction of Telegraph Signal Boxes, &c., so as not to require a vote of two thirds to take up that Ordinance to day, the undersigned appeal from said decision.

ANDREW MILLER,
SAMUEL STEVENSON.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to lay the appeal on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Andrew Miller and Fitler,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Black, Brown, Butcher, Cooper, Drayton, Faulkner, Holman, Kane, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McManus, Mc Neal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Potts, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Williams and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Bromley, Burnell, Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Hall, Handy, Iseminger, Keller, King, Andrew Miller, McIlwain, Perkins, Schoch, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 28. Nays 24.

Agreed to.

Council having resumed the consideration of the motion of Mr. Andrew Miller, made at the last meeting, viz :

To amend by striking out all after the word "and" in the ninth line, and inserting lieu thereof the following :

"In such of the Engine and Hose Houses of the city as are situated most distant from the Alarm Boxes now located; the said houses in case of doubt or difficulty, to be designated by the Chief Engineer."

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Bromley, Butcher, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Ginnodo, Hall, Handy, Iseminger, Makins, Andrew Miller, McIlwain, McMakin, Potts, Schoch, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Black, Brown, Burnell, Cooper, Day, Faulkner, Geisler, Holman, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Magg, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Vanborn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 22. Nays 32.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Miller,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and John Thompson,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Bromley, Butcher, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Ginnodo, Hall, Holman, Iseminger, Kane, Kelton, King, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, McMakin, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Williams, Wolf, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Cooper, Faulkner, Geisler, Keller, Kerr, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, Stevenson, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey and Wilmer.

Yeas 34. Nays 19.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the First Section as amended.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Brown,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Cooper, Geisler, Holman, Kelton, King, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McNeal, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Butcher Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Hall, Iseminger, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 14. Nays 39.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a Report with a Resolution to admit the Kensington Fire Engine Company into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 140.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to postpone the further consideration of same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Makins and Wildey,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Boyer, Bromley, Butcher, Day, Kelton, O'Neill, Potts, Schoch, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Williams and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Brown, Burnell, Dougherty, Faulkner, Geisler, Hall, Holman, Keller, Kerr, King, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McIlwain, Mc Makin, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Sites, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, B. F. Wright and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 14. Nays 31.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Boyer

Moved to amend, by adding the "Hibernia Hose Company."

Mr. Burnell

Moved to amend the amendment, by adding the Hand-in-Hand Hose Company."

Not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Boyer,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution attached to the report,

It was not agreed to.

Also,

A report and Resolution to admit the Resolution Hose Company into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 141.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report and Resolution directing the Committee to include the amounts due E. N. Creighton, Assistant Engineer of Steam Fire Engine Young America, and make appropriations to the Hand-in-Hand and Mechanic Engine Companies, in the general deficiency Bill. (Appendix No. 142.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Faulkner

Moved to amend as follows :

* That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay back appropriations due the following Engine and Hose Companies, to wit :

To the Independence Fire Company,	\$ 400.00
“ Fairmount “	150.00
“ Western “	150.00
“ Fairmount Hose Company,	150.00
“ Pennsylvania “	150.00

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Makins

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution to admit the Resolution Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin,

Chairman of the Committee on Poor, to which was referred the Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to apply

for an injuncton to prevent the Guardians of the Poor, as well as Messrs. Smeeton and Brothers, from introducing Gas Pipes into the Almshouse, reported back the same as committed, and asked its adoption. (Appendix No. 143.)

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. McMakin and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Black, Burnell, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Hall, Jones, Kane, Keller, Magg, Makins, Moyer, McMakin, McNeal, Potts, Tudor, Vanhorn, Warnock and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyer, Cooper, Dougherty, Geisler, Henszey, Holman, Kerr, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Stevenson, John Thompson, Wilmer, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 22. Nays 20.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Austin, Baird, Black, Boyer, Brown, Burnell, Butcher, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Geisler, Hall, Henszey, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.—49.

A quorum of members being present,

Mr. Kane,

On leave granted, read in place, a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of certain Culverts or Drains on the lines of Second Ward; Emerald, Morris and Oxford streets, in the Nineteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 144.)

Mr. Kane

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

On leave granted, read in place, a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or drain on the line of Merchant and Robertson streets, northwardly from Thompson street, in the Twentieth Ward. (Appendix No. 145.)

Mr. Kane

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

On leave granted, submitted the report of the members of the Commission on Chesnut street Bridge. (Appendix No. 146.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolutions to prepare a working plan for Chesnut street Bridge.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be and is hereby directed to prepare a detail plan and specification, for the masonry and superstructure of a cast iron arch Bridge of two spans, for crossing the Schuylkill at Chesnut street, with such approaches between the west line of Twenty-third street and the east line of Bridgewater street, as may be necessary, and report the approximate cost thereof to Councils.

Mr. Kane

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Wilmer,

From the Committee on Girard Estates, on leave granted, reported back the Bill from Select Council, to make an appropriation out of the fund under the twenty second Item of the will of Stephen Girard, for the improvement of the eastern front of City, and for other purposes, with certain amendments. (Appendix No. 147.)

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The question being on the Second Section as amended

It was agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Jones

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council authorizing the Committee on City Property to proceed with the improvement of Hunting Park.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Kneass and Holman,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Burnell, Day, Faulkner, Henszey, Andrew Miller, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher, Cooper, Drayton, Geisler, Holman, Iseninger, Jones, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, Perkins, John Thompson and Vasey.

Yeas 11. Nays 17.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution to release the security of D. McVeigh.

Also,

A Resolution directing the Chief Commissioners of Highways to notify the owners of property on Franklin street, between Thompson and Master streets, that said street will be open for public use according to the seventh section of April 21, 1855.

Also,

A Resolution postponing indefinitely the Resolution authorizing the Commissioners of City Property, to rent a room for the Department of Market Houses in the Girard Building.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution, entitled "A Resolution to release certain property of Henry Bickley from the lien of a judgment hereinafter mentioned."

Also,

In the Resolution to discharge the Committee on Poor from the further consideration of the application of the Guardians of the Poor for authority to expend one-half of the remaining fourth of the unexpended appropriation for out-door relief.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 8, 1858.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Fitler

Moved that Mr. Perkins act as President pro tem.

Agreed to.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Black,
Boyer,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Ginnodo,
Hacker,
Hall,

Messrs. Handy,

Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller, †
Kerr,
Kershaw,
King,
Maag,
Makins, †
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew
Morris,
Moyer,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill, †
Palethorp,
Parker,

Messrs. Perkins,	Messrs. Vanhorn,
Potts,	Vasey,
Schoch,	Warnock,
Sites,	Waterman,
Steel,	Willey,
Stevenson,	Williams,
Thompson, John,	Wilmer,
Thompson, Oscar,	Wolf,
Tuder,	Wright, B. F.
Wright, C. S.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Cooper

Moved that the further reading of the same be dispensed with.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Wardens of the City, calling attention of Council to certain docks that need cleaning. (Appendix No. 148.)

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Also,

A communication from Stephen Taylor, City Controller asking for an additional number of Clerks to audit the books of the present and late Receiver of Taxes. (Appendix No. 149.)

Also,

A communication from the City Controller, recommending that an appropriation be made for the payment of balance due John N. Henderson, late Health Officer. (Appendix No. 150.)

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, April 8th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Joint Resolution was approved and signed, viz :

On the 5th inst. a Resolution to release certain property of Henry Bickley from the lien of a judgment hereinafter mentioned.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also,

The Tenth Annual report of the Board of Directors of Girard College for orphans, for the year 1857.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from J. O. Tobias, court clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, calling upon Council to take speedy action on that portion of the presentment of the Grand Jury of said court, in reference to the condition of the Public School House on New street, below Second street.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Mascher

Presented the Quarterly Report of the Chief Engineer of Fire Department, ending March 31st, 1858. (Appendix No. 151.)

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill, (Appendix No. 114) entitled "an Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Samuel C.

Thompson, late Commissioner of Market Houses, for clerk hire and extra services, during the period of his office.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Lewis,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisz, Hall, Hutchinson, Jones, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wilmer and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Butcher, Cooper, Fitler, Geisler, Ginnodo, Iseminger, Keller, King, Moyer, Steel, Stevenson, Tudor, Wildey and Wolf.

Yeas 38. Nays 15.

Agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. King

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance, (Common Council Appendix No 67,) “to authorize a loan for the purchase of the gas works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Southward and Moyamensing Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to enable them to increase the works under their charge—extend the distribution of gas and equalize the price of the same in all the wards of the City supplied by them.”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Alexander,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Cooper, Deal, Geisz, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Keller, Kershaw, King, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Schoch, Steel, Stevenson, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn and Williams.

NAYS—Messrs. Clay, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Hall, Jones, Makins, Mascher, Moyer, McMakin, Perkins, Sites, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

Yeas 20. Nays 19.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 2, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, the Manayunk Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to enable them to increase the works under their charge—extend the distribution of Gas, and equalize the price of the same in all the Wards of the City.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Wildey,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Cooper, Day, Faulkner, Geisz, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kershaw, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher, Drayton, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, King, Moyer, Sites and Wildey.

Yeas 42. Nays 9.

Agreed to.

The Bill being on third reading,

Mr. King

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, to take up Bill Common Council Appendix No. 67 entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the gas works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to enable them to increase the works under their charge—extend the distribution of gas, and equalize the price of the same in all the wards of the City supplied by them."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the final passage of the Bill ,

Mr. Day

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, and that it be made the order of the order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Iseminger

Presented a petition from owners of property on and near Broad street in the First Ward, asking that certain ditches may be opened.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

One from Chapman Biddle, asking payment for damages incurred by the opening of Erie street.

Mr. Faulkner,

One from owners of property in the Tenth Ward, asking that Aspen street may be opened from Vine to Summer street.

Also,

One from Peter Thompson, asking that Pennsylvania Avenue between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, may be curbed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Day,

One from owners of property on Passyunk Road, between South and Shippen streets, Fourth Ward, asking that a gas lamp may be placed thereon.

Mr. Waterman,

One of like import from owners of property on Cuthbert street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. McMakin,

One from the New York and Philadelphia Steamship Company, asking the privilege to make an enlarged attachment to the main water pipe along Water street.

Mr. Burnell,

One from owners of property in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid along Spring Garden street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets.

Mr. Holman,

One of like import from owners of property on Parker street between York and Adam streets, in the Nineteenth Ward,

Mr. Cooper,

One of like import from owner of property on Norris street between Frankford road and West street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Mascher,

One from the residents of the Seventh Fire District, asking that the Live Oak Hose Company may be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. McFadden,

One from the La Fayette Hose Company, asking that an alarm telegraph signal box may be placed in their house.

Mr. Holman,

One from the Keystone Fire Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Wildey,

One from Thomas Le Sage, asking the usual appropriation for ringing the bells of St. Stephens Church on the 22d February, 1858.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Faulkner,

A petition from Citizens of the Eighth Division of the Fifteenth Ward, asking that the place of holding the election may be changed.

Referred to the members from the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Geisler,

One from Citizens of the Eighteenth Ward, asking that a culvert may be constructed on Wood street, from Franklin to Queen street.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations

Mr. Hall,

One from Citizens, complaining of innovations and aggressions practiced by the Commissioner of Market Houses, and asking an investigation of the management of said Department.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the petition be referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of three members from each

Council, with power to send for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses under oath.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Whereupon the Chairman appointed Messrs. Andrew Miller, McMakin and Ginnodo a Committee on the part of Common Council.

Mr. Burns

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 22, Common Council File entitled "An Ordinance to establish and regulate a market in the late borough of Frankford in the Twenty third Ward.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration.

Mr. Burns

Moved to amend the same by adding thereto as follows :

"And that the markets may be held in said Market House every day throughout the year except Sunday, and begin one hour before daylight, and end at one o'clock on on all days of the week except Wednesdays and Saturdays, under a penalty of two dollars for each offence."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Burns

Moved to amend the same by adding thereto as follows :

"Provided, That the provisions of this Ordinance shall

not extend to any Farmer vending the produce of his own farm, or the meat of animals fed and slaughtered by him or them."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Sections were agreed to.

The Sixth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Burns

Moved to amend by inserting in lieu thereof, as follows :

SECTION. 6. "It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Market Houses, to rent the stalls in said market at a rent not to exceed twenty dollars per each stall."

Agreed to.

Mr. Burns

Moved to make "Section Six" read "Section Seven."

Agreed to.

The Seventh Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to compromise and settle all municipal claims for laying water pipes.

Also,

A Resolution deeming it inexpedient to grant the prayer of H. B. Pennock, for a settlement of certain claims and to discharge the Committee from the further consideration of the subject.

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claim of John K. Murphy, late Marshal of Police."

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Citizens Passengers Railway Company."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of certain culverts or drains on the lines of Second, Wood, Emerald, Norris and Oxford streets in the Nineteenth Ward."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claim of F. W. Binder, Police Magistrate of the Fifteenth Ward."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain on the line of Merchant and Robertson street, northward from Thompson street, in the Twentieth Ward."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to prepare a working plan for Chestnut street Bridge, with the following amendment, viz :

"By inserting after the words 'cast iron arch Bridge,' the words 'and iron truss Bridge.'"

Mr. Wildey

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the business on the President's table, from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to compromise and settle all municipal claims for laying water pipe,
Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the same indefinitely.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Faulkner and Cooper, :

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Cooper, Fitler, Fry, Geisler, Mascher, McMakin, Palethorp, Sites, Stevenson, Wildey and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Black, Butcher, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Hacker, Hall, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Maag, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIlwain, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Williams and Wolf.

Yeas 11. Nays 28.

A quorum of members not having voted,

Mr. Day

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Black, Burnell, Cooper, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Hacker, Hall, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.—45.

A quorum of members having answered to their names.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Mascher to indefinitely postpone.

It was agreed to.

The Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify owners of property on Franklin street, between Thompson and Master streets, that the same will be opened for public use,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

The Resolution accepting the portrait of Gen. Nathaniel Green, painted in oil, and returning the thanks of the City to the donor Mr. B. Otis,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution to release the securities of D. Mc Veigh,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution indefinitely postponing the Resolution authorizing the Committee on City Property to rent a room for the Department of Market Houses, in the Girard Building,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the expenses thereof for the year 1858,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Day

Moved to amend the First Section in the second line, as follows: add the letter "s" to the word "item," and insert "18 and" before "24," in the same line, so as to read "items 18 and 24."

Agreed to. _

The First and only Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned,

Being under consideration.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. McManus

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance to provide for the sale of all kinds of fish at the west end of the Market Houses, at Fourth, Seventh and Seventeenth streets, on Market street, in the City of Philadelphia.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section being under consideration,

It was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. McManus,

Moved to proceed to a third reading of the Bill by its Title.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Fitler,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Black, Brown, Burnell, Cooper, Day, Drayton, Fitler, Fry, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Maag, Makins, Miller Andrew, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and B. F. Wright.

NAY—Mr. Mascher.

Yeas 45. Nay 1.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following :

Philadelphia, April 8th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

I most respectfully tender you my resignation, as member of your honorable body.

Yours &c.,

B. F. WRIGHT,

Laid on the table.

The Bill from Select Council entitled "An Ordinance to regulate Market Stands."

Being under consideration,

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to postpone the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kerr

Moved to strike out "products of farmers or gardens," also strike out "products" in the fifth line, and insert "meats" after the word "such" in the same line.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill to take up the Ordinance to change the names of certain streets, lanes, courts, alleys, &c., in the City of Philadelphia.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Jones,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Cooper, Faulkner, Fitler, Fry, Hall, Iseminger, Kerr, Maag, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McFadden, McManus, McNeal, Parker, Perkins, John Thompson, Tudor, Wildey and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Drayton, Jones, Keller and Vanhorn.

Yeas 21. Nays 4.

A quorum of members not having voted.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Wolf

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 15, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Black,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Gillen,
Ginnodo,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hall,
Handy,
Henszey,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew
Morris,
Moyer,
McClean,
McDonough,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,

Messrs. Perkins,	Messrs. Vanhorn,
Potts,	Vasey,
Ridgway,	Warnock,
Schoch,	Waterman,
Sites,	Willey,
Stevenson,	Williams,
Thompson, John,	Wilmer,
Thompson, Oscar,	Wolf,
Tuder,	Wright, C. S.
John Miller, President.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr. Keller

Moved to suspend the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from S. Taylor, City Controller, submitting a correspondence between that Department and the City Solicitor on the subject of the account of the City with the Sheriff. (Appendix No. 152.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

The following from the City Solicitor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, April 15, 1858.

To the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

In obedience to the Joint Resolution of Councils, passed February 4th, 1858, directing me to prepare a Bill for the vacation of Master street between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-seventh streets, to be presented to the Legislature, a draft of an Act of Assembly was promptly prepared and forwarded to Harrisburg. It passed one House, but in as much as the Governor had in several instances put his veto upon similar Bills, upon the ground that the Courts had full

jurisdiction in the premises, no further effort was made to pass the Bill.

The object of the Bill was to enable the City to erect a Reservoir on the line of the vacated street, and extending a considerable distance north and south of it.

I respectfully suggest that if Councils desire the measure to go into effect, a Joint Resolution may be passed directing this Department to institute on behalf of the City, the proper proceedings to vacate the street.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM L. HIRST,
City Solicitor.

Also,

The following from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable the members of the Select and
Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

I beg leave to call your attention to the fact that the fire plugs in Germantown are in a deplorable condition, some being broken and others unfit for use. I have called at the office of the Water Company in that place, in relation to the matter, and was informed by Mr. Potter, the Superintendent, that they have been keeping the plugs in repair for sometime, and have done every thing necessary to keep them so, but on account of some misunderstanding they have received no compensation from the City for their services since 1855, and they have now refused to do anything more to them until a settlement is had, and an understanding is made how the work is to be done in future. Sometime ago Councils ordered forty plugs to be placed in the ground, but on account of the above difficulty they have refused to put them down.

I hope therefore you will give the matter your earliest attention, as much complaint is made by the Firemen and

Citizens, and in case a fire should take place the destruction will in all probability be very severe.

Respectfully Yours,

SAMUEL P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A Bill from T. Oliver Goldsmith, M. D., for services as Vaccine Physician for 1857.

Mr. Williams,

A communication from Stephen Taylor, submitting a statement of the account of Hugh Gamble, Collector of Third Ward, Mayamensing, for 1853.

Mr. Bromley,

A Bill from James Morris, M. D., for services as Vaccine Physician, Twenty-first Ward in 1856.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Iseminger,

A petition from owners of property on Barlow street, First Ward, asking that water pipes may be laid therein.

Mr. Kerr,

One from Clinton Gillingham, asking that water pipe may be laid in Girard Avenue, between Alder and Lewis streets.

Mr. Hall,

One of like import from owners of property on Corinthian Avenue, between Coates street and Girard Avenue.

Mr. Warnock,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Fire Plugs may be placed on Chelton Avenue.

Mr. McManus,

A remonstrance from owners of property on Huston street, Nineteenth Ward, against the laying of water pipe in the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Makins,

A petition from the Assistance Engine Company, asking that a Telegraph Box may be placed in their Engine House

Mr. Dougherty,

One from the Jackson Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr McNeal,

One from the Trustees of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, asking for a supply of Hose to render the same effective.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Hutchinson,

One from owners of property in the Eighth Ward, asking that a gas lamp may be placed at the corner of Eighth and Morris streets, in the Eighth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from Samuel L. Clement, asking for payment of salary as Police Magistrate of the Twelfth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ford,

A remonstrance from owners of property and business firms on Third street, between Market and Vine streets, against the Second and Third street Railway Company.

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Bromley,

One from owners of property on Ship Lane, Twenty-first Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Cooper

On leave granted, read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of culverts or drains along Second and other streets." (Appendix No. 153.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Arnold,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized to notify the owners of property on Twentieth street, between Columbia Avenue in the Twentieth Ward and Lancaster street in the Twenty-first Ward, to have their footways curbed and paved in accordance with existing Ordinances.

Mr. Arnold

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

Mr. Fitler

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, that the Engine Companies of this City be desired to receive proposals for placing Telegraph Boxes in their Houses.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Cooper,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Highway Department be, and the same is hereby authorized to grade Hancock street, from Diamond to Huntingdon streets, and not to expend a sum exceeding seven hundred dollars therein ; also to grade York street from Front to Cambria street, and not to expend a sum exceeding three hundred dollars therein, all in the Nineteenth Ward.

Also, to give notice to the owners of the ground through and over which Fourth street from Germantown Road, northward to York streets in the Nineteenth Ward, will pass that at the expiration of three months from the date of the said notice, the said Fourth street within the space specified will be opened for public use, as authorized by the Seventh Section of the Act of Assembly, approved April 21st, 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

The President

Presented the following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, April 15th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances have been approved and signed, viz ;

On the 12th inst. An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain on the line of Merchant and Robertson street, northward from Thompson street, in the Twentieth Ward.

On the 12th inst. An Ordinance to authorize the construction of certain culverts or drains on the lines of Second, Wood, Emerald, Norris and Oxford streets in the Nineteenth Ward.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also the following :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, April 15th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

It is my duty to inform you that, under the instructions contained in a Joint Resolution of the Select and Common Councils, I addressed the Legislature of Pennsylvania, on the subject of the acts of Assembly relating to Passenger Railways.

It is not in the power of this Department to inform Councils which of these various Bills have become laws.

No copy of any of these Acts of Assembly has been furnished the Executive of the City. The provisions of the laws enacted on this subject are therefore unknown to me.

If however they contain the clause inserted in the one to which your attention has been called, which permits the City Councils thirty days after the passage of the act, to object to any exceptionable provisions, and in default of any action within that period, the consent of the Councils is assumed and irrevocable, it would at least be proper to consider if some general Ordinance should not be passed disapproving of all these laws.

If this course is adopted it would give Councils a full opportunity to examine each law, and repeal the objection so far as it operates on the Railways, which meet the approbation of the City Legislature.

Without expressing any opinion as to either or any of these acts, this seems to be a salutary measure, which the City Councils would be fully justified in adopting.

I am at a loss to perceive any reasonable objection to this course, and a sense of duty alone requires me to present it for the consideration of Councils, where the law has placed the responsibility.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Arnold,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Resolution approved March 22d, 1858, authorizing the Highway Department to grade that portion of Indian Queen lane, lying between Ridge Avenue and Thirty-ninth street, in the Twenty-first Ward, be so altered as to fix the number of yards to 1800, in place of 2800 yards.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Bromley,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Highway Department is hereby authorized to have Levering street east of Cresson street graded at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Drayton,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the City Solicitor be and is hereby authorized to enter satisfaction of record upon two certain Judgments against John Henderson, in the Supreme Court, to wit:

City of Philadelphia,

Jan. 1857, No. 5, D. S. B., August 11, '56	\$500
Same Jan. 1858, No. 224, D. S. B., Mar. 30, '58	\$500

Upon the substitution of other security satisfactory to the Committee of Finance.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Arnold

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, "Authorizing the Commissioner of City property, to proceed with the improvement of Hunting Park, in the Twenty-third Ward.

Not agreed to.

The President

Announced that he had appointed Mr. Kerr on the Committee on Water Works, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. B. F. Wright.

Mr. Wilmer.

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Citizens Passenger Railway Company."

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration.

Mr. Ginnodo

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "Law," in the fifth line as follows: "Together with the concurrence of a majority of the Select and Common Council."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Second Section.

It was agreed to.

The Preamble and Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Fidler

On leave granted, read in place a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine Company. (Appendix No. 154.)

Mr. Fidler

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Perkins

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That Common Council inform Select Council, that they will meet them in joint convention at five o'clock this day, for the purpose of electing an Inspector of Buildings.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Drayton

Submitted a communication from William L. Hirst, City Solicitor, with certain copies of the several Passenger Railway Company Acts of Assembly recently passed, and a statement of the provisions which are necessary for the information of Councils. (See Appendix of Select Council, No.)

Mr. Drayton

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the the City of Philadelphia, that the amount paid by the City Solicitor, for certified copies of certain Rail Road Bills obtained by him from Harrisburg for Councils, be returned to him by the Clerks of Council.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Resolution from Common Council, to meet in Convention at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of electing an Inspector of Buildings.

Mr. Wolf

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 2, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, the Manayunk Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to enable them to increase the works under their charge—extend the distribution of Gas, and equalize the price of the same in all the Wards of the City."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Cooper,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Faulkner, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hacker Henszey, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseninger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf, and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Deal, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hall, King, Moyer, McClean, Ridgway, Sites, Stevenson, Wildey Williams, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 51. Nays 15.

Agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, to take up Bill Common Council Appendix No. 67, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the gas works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to enable them to increase the works under their charge—extend the distribution of gas, and equalize the price of the same in all the wards of the City supplied by them."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Conrad, Deal, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Geisler, Ginnodo, Hacker, Kelton, King, McFadden, Potts, Ridgway, Sites, Stevenson, Wildey, and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Faulkner, Gillin, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McDonough, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins, Schoch, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 19. Nays 47.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the final passage of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Fitler and Cooper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Black, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Faulkner, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Henszey, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, Mellwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins, Schoch, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Deal, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Kelton, Maag, Moyer, Potts, Sites, Stevenson, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, Pres't.

Yeas 46. Nays 17.

Two thirds of the whole number not having voted in the affirmative.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Wolf

Moved to reconsider the vote first taken.

Which being seconded by Mr. Waterman.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. McDonough and Wildey.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Deal, Ford, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Kelton, Maag, Makins, Potts, Wildey and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Black, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Gillin, Handy, Henszey, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Andrew Miller, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, Mc

Ilwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 11. Nays 46.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the motion to reconsider,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill, and that it be made the special order of the day for Thursday next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out "Thursday next," and inserting "the 4th of July next."

Not agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Day,

It was agreed to.

The officers and members of Select Council were introduced, and being assembled in Convention,

The Chairman

Announced the object of the meeting to be the election of an Inspector of Buildings.

Mr. McMakin

Nominated Benjamin F. Wright.

Mr. Fry

Nominated Morris E. Afflick.

The Convention proceeded to the election of an Inspector of Buildings.

The Clerks acting as tellers, reported that 76 votes had been cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Bradford, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Horrocks, Kline, Nathans, Neal, Roberts, Schofield, Taylor, Williams, and Wharton President.

13 voted for Benjamin F. Wright.

Common Council, *

Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Gillin, Hall, Handy, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, McClean, Mc Donough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Mc Neal, O'Neill, Perkins, Schoch, Stevenson, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Waterman, Wilmer, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

49 voted for Benjamin F. Wright.

In all 62 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Cornman.

1, voted for Morris E. Afflick.

Common Council,

Messrs. Black, Conrad, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Henszey, Kelton, Moyer, Potts, Ridgway, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and Wildey.

13, voted for Morris E. Afflick.

In all 14 votes.

Benjamin F. Wright having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

The Convention having adjourned, Select Council retired.

Select Council,

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance relating to certain Passenger Railway Companies."

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Preamble and Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No 127, Common Council Appendix, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of certain expenses of that Department incurred in 1857.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend as follows:

In Item 3 strike out P. Melloy where it occurs more than once and make whole amount to him \$ 62.55

In same Item strike out Jordan and Brother where it occurs more than once and make whole amount to them \$ 177.39.

In Item 33 strike out P. McKenna where it occurs more than once and make whole amount to him \$ 264.76.

In same Item strike out E. McGovern where it occurs more than once and make whole amount to him \$ 73.26.

In Item 43 strike out Jordan and Brother where it occurs more than once and make whole amount \$ 4.00.

Also after Item 103, note the numbers designating the Items in this Section, and refer to the corresponding Items in the appropriation to this Department for the year 1857.

Agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved to amend by adding at the end of the Section, "to pay Henry Marks \$ 108, for extra salary."

Not agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claim of John K. Murphy, late Marshal of Police.

Not agreed to,

Mr. Miller,

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment entered on the Thirtieth day of March, A. D., 1858, in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the eastern district, to January term, 1858, No. 212, wherein the City of Philadelphia is Plaintiff; and John Felton, John Roberts and James H. Parke are Defendants; the following described property owned by John Roberts :

All that certain lot or piece of ground with the buildings thereon erected, situated on the north east corner of Sixteenth street and Say street, in the Tenth Ward, of the City of Philadelphia, containing in front on said Sixteenth street, thirty feet ; and extending in depth westward along the north side of Say street, one hundred and twenty feet to Moore Alley.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Law.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill Common Council Appendix No. 131, to make an appropriation to pay the claim of Eli K. Price, and certain other claims against the City of Philadelphia, incurred during the years 1855, 1856 and 1857.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out "Item 6."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Faulkner

Moved to amend as follows :

Item 8.—To the Independent Fire Co., for back appropriation, four hundred dollars.

Item 9.—To the Western Fire Co., for back appropriation, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 10.—To the Fairmount Fire Co., for back appropriation, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 11.—To the Pennsylvania Hose Co., for back appropriation, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 12.—To Fairmount Hose Co., for back appropriation, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 13.—To the Hand-in-Hand Fire Co., for back-appropriation, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 14.—To the Mechanic Fire Co., for back appropriation, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Item 15.—To Edwin N. Creighton, for salary as Engineer to the Steam Engine, Young America, seventy-eight dollars and twenty-two cents, being the amount of balance due said Creighton.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend the amendment as follows :

Item 16.—To the Philadelphia Hose Company, for the support of the new Steam Fire Engine, two thousand seven hundred dollars.

Mr. Cooper

Moved to refer the amendments to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Moved to amend as follows :

ITEM 8.—To pay James B. Doyle, Attorney for Mrs. James Sherry, money paid twice on a Municipal claim, fifty dollars.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out two hundred and sixty-eight dollars and nineteen cents, and inserting \$461.44.

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend by adding to the end thereof, " Item 7, by the Guardians of the Poor, and Item 8 by the City Solicitor."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council,

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Bill, entitled " An Ordinance supplementary to 'an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department, for supplying the City with water, for the year 1858.' "

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution, granting permission to the New York and Philadelphia Steam-ship Company, to enlarge their attachment on Water street for supplying their Steam-ships with water.

Also,

A Resolution granting permission to Dr. David Jayne to make an attachment to the Chesnut street main, to supply a stationary Steam Engine.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw warrants for the payment of certain parties therein named, for supplies furnished to the Department.

Also,

A Resolution calling on the Police Committee for a statement of the amount expended upon the Station House in the Nineteenth Ward, and the amount necessary to complete the building.

Also,

A Resolution directing the Elections in the eighth division of the Twenty-first Ward, shall hereafter be held at the Levering Hotel, on the Ridge Avenue, in said Ward.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, granting permission to the New York and Philadelphia Steamship Company, to enlarge their attachments on Water street for supplying their steam ships with water.

Mr. Crease

Moved to amend by striking out all after the words, "Consideration of the," and inserting "Business on the President's table from Select Council."

Mr. Ginnodo

Moved to adjourn,

Not agreed to.

The Question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Crease,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ginnodo and Sites,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs Black, King, Moyer, Perkins and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Cooper, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Andrew Miller, McFadden, Mellwain, McMakin, O'Neill, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey and Wildey.

Yeas 5. Nays 14.

A quorum not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Wolf

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 20, 1858.

Council met pursuant to the following call.

The President of Common Council is requested to call a special meeting of Common Council, to be held on Tuesday, April 20th, 1858, at 3 o'clock, P. M., to consider the business on the President's desk, from Select Council, and to receive reports from Standing Committees.

C. B. F. O'Neill,
Seth Austin,
William M. Baird,
Samuel C. Perkins,
Edward S. Handy,
Robert Kelton,
Alfred Day,
George W. Wolf,
Charles Vanhorn,
Charles McNeal,
H. R. Kneass,
Andrew Miller,
Francis McManus,
John Cooper.

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.,
Clerk of Common Council,

SIR :

Please call a Special meeting of the Common Council, in accordance with the foregoing requisition.

JOHN MILLER,
President of Common Council.

April 15, 1858.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Arnold,
Austin,
Boyer,
Boyle,
Burnell,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Day,
Deal,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geisler,
Handy,
Holman,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,

Messrs. Lewis,
Maag,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
O'Neill,
Perkins,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Thompson, John,
Thompson, Oscar,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,
Willey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Resolution from Select Council directing that the elections in the Eighth Precinct of the Twenty-first Ward, shall hereafter be held at the Levering Hotel, in said Ward,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution granting permission to Dr. David Jayne, to make an attachment to the Chesnut street main, to supply a stationery Steam Engine,

Being read a second time,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Water Works from this Chamber.

Agreed to.

The Resolution relating to the contract for the supply of Sperm Oil for 1858,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution granting permission to the New York and Philadelphia Steamship Company, to enlarge their attachment on Water street, for supplying their Steamships with water,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claim of John K. Murphy, late Marshal of Police.

Being under consideration,

The First Section was read,

Mr. Fitler

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Fitler,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Burnell, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisler, Jones, Kelton, Kneass, McManus, O'Neill, Perkins, Steel, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wilmer, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Fitler, Iseminger, Kerr, King, Maag, Morris, Moyer, McIlwain, McMakin, Sites, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Wildey, Williams and John Miller, President.

Yeas 19. Nays 20.

A quorum of members not having voted.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Kerr

Moved to adjourn,

Not agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names, viz :

Messrs. Arnold, Boyle, Burnell, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Iseminger, Jones, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Morris, Moyer, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Perkins, Sites, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Williams, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.—32.

Mr. Kerr

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 22, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,

Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Boyle,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hall,

Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
Kershaw,
Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Miller, Andrew
Morris,
Moyer,
McClean,
McDonough,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,
Schoch,
Sites,

Messrs. Steel,	Messrs. Vasey,
Stevenson,	Warnock,
Taylor,	Wilkey,
Thompson, John,	Wilmer,
Thompson, Oscar,	Wolf,
Vauhorn,	Wright, C. S.
John Miller, President.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Brown

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following :

OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES,
Philadelphia, April 22d, 1858.

To the President and members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

In accordance with a Joint Resolution passed by Councils, the Receiver of Taxes is authorized to continue the employment of four of the temporary receiving Clerks in this Department, until the 1st of May, 1858, after which period there will be but four employed in the receipt of the Taxes of the present year, a number wholly inadequate to perform the services required.

I would respectfully suggest that a correct knowledge of the responsibilities and duties devolving upon the Clerks of this Department; the interests of the public, and the great responsibility of the head of the Department, manifestly require that all Clerks employed should be permanent.

It is not to be expected that persons possessing the requisite qualifications for the discharge of these duties, will engage their service for a few months at the meager sum of \$850 per annum, and furnish bonds for the faithful perfor-

mance thereof, in the sum of \$ 10,000, which bonds cannot be cancelled by the Receiver in justice to himself, until his own sureties are released ; and in view of no provision being made therefor, either by Ordinance of Councils or Act of Assembly, the time of such release is indefinite. Nor is it to be supposed that the Receiver of Taxes will employ any one for this service without having his interests protected by proper security.

Councils seem to view the business of these Clerks as merely transcribing or copying, as they are placed upon an equality with those employed in other Departments, whose duties do not involve any thing beyond that, without properly appreciating the great pecuniary responsibility devolving upon them, as well as the Receiver.

I trust therefore you will take such action on the subject as will protect the various interests involved therein.

Very Respectfully, Your Obt. Ser'vt,

PETER ARMBRUSTER,

Receiver of Taxes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, April 22d, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinance has been approved and signed, viz :

On the 20th inst., An Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water, for the year 1858.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also, the following:

HEALTH OFFICE,
Philadelphia, April 23d, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held on the 22d inst., the following Preamble and Resolutions were on motion adopted.

Whereas, the mild weather of the past winter, and the late abundant rains together with a prospect of an early warm season, admonish us that all these circumstances combined are favourable for engendering a malarious atmosphere in large and populous cities, be it therefore

Resolved, That this Board most respectfully ask Councils to call the attention of the Commissioner of Highways to the subject, and that he be most earnestly solicited to enforce the Ordinances providing for the cleaning of the City to the full extent of his power.

Resolved, That Councils request the Commissioner of Public Highways to issue special notices to all the Supervisors of the City and Public Contractors, for cleaning the streets, of the great importance of having all the collections of the public sewers removed as soon as taken out of the same, with any other information that he may deem prudent, in order that nothing may be left undone that will contribute to the health and cleanliness of the City.

Resolved, That the clerk of the Board of Health, be requested to send a copy of the above Preamble and Resolutions to the Select and Common Councils.

[Extract from the Minutes.]

Attest, WILLIAM M. RANDALL,
Clerk of the Board of Health.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A Communication from C. H. Fisher, Chairman of the

Committee of Donors of the Hunting Park, asking that trees may be planted in the same, in accordance with the agreement of the City in accepting the gift.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Iseminger,

A Petition from owners of property on Marker street, between Jefferson avenue and Second street, asking that lamps may be placed thereon.

Mr. Kerr,

One from owners of property in the vicinity of Front and Callowhill streets, asking that a gas lamp be placed on Front street above Callowhill.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Day,

A Bill from Wm. F. Patterson, M. D., for services as Vaccine Physician for Fourth Ward, for 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Baird,

One from Patrick Lahey, asking permission to lay water pipe on Selfridge, North of Fitzwater street.

Mr. Moyer,

One of like import from Citizens owning property on Emerald street, between York and Huntingdon streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. McManus,

One of like import from Citizens on Coral street, between Front and Huntingdon streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Cooper,

One of like import from Citizens on Cumberland street, between Coral and Jasper streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Geisler,

One of like import from Citizens on Parker street, between Wood and Norris streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Morris,

One of like import from Citizens on Sargeant street, between Frankford Road and Emerald street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from Citizens on Howard street, between Norris and York streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Also,

One from Citizens of the Fifth Ward, asking that a Hydrant Pump on Front Street between Lombard and South Street may be removed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water-works.

Mr. Clay,

A Remonstrance from owners of property on Spruce and Pine Streets, against the Philadelphia and Gray's Ferry Passenger Railway Company.

Mr. O'Neill,

One of like import.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Fry,

A Petition from Citizens asking that a Night Market may be held in the Race Street Market House.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Wildey,

One from Citizens of the Eighteenth Ward, asking that Lemon Street may be opened between Palmer and Vienna Streets.

Mr. Cooper,

One from Citizens of Dunlap, between Chesnut and George Streets, asking permission to pave said streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted a report with an Ordinance, to make an appropriation to pay Jurors of 1856 and 1857, and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 155.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Perkins

Moved to amend by adding as follows :

ITEM 28—"To pay the claim of John K. Murphy, for keep of horse and repairs to wagon and harness, during his term of office as Marshal of Police subsequent to consolidation, the sum of seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and ninety cents.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Cooper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisz, Geisler, Hacker, Holman, Hutchinson, Jones, Kelton, McClean, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Steel, John Thompson, Warnock and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Fitler, Iseminger, Keller, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, Mellwain, Schoch, Taylor, Vanhorn, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 26. Nays 20.

Agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to amend by adding as follows :

“ ITEM 17.—Dr. William A. Patterson, as Vaccine Physician of the Fourth Ward, \$ 12.50.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend by inserting \$ 3,120.97, in lieu of \$ 2,335.57.

Agreed to.

The question being on the Section as amended,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Wildey and Moyer,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisz, Hacker, Hall, Holman, Hutchinson, Jones, Keller, Kelton, Lewis, Andrew Miller, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, Mc Makin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Steel, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyer, Cooper, Deal, Fitler, Geisler, Iseminger, McIlwain, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, Oscar Thompson, Wildey, Wilmer and John Miller, Pres't.

Yeas 34. Nays 14.

It was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Perkins

Moved to amend by inserting “ Item 28 ” before the word “ Mayor.”

Agreed to.

Second Section as amended was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health, for expenses of the Health Office and the Lazaretto for the year 1858." (Appendix No. 156.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Boyer

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the official bond of Matthias Kreamer, deceased. (Appendix No. 157.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report and Resolution authorizing the City Controller to appoint four Clerks, to audit the accounts of the late and present Receiver of Taxes, for 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857 and 1858. (Appendix No. 158.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report and Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to make no further payments to the Sheriff for the conveyance of prisoners to and from the county prison. (Appendix No. 159.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.,

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Kerr

Moved to lay the Resolution on the table.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance to authorize the sale of Bonds, Mortgages, Plank Road and Rail Road Stocks, owned by the City of Philadelphia.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Andrew Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

On leave granted, submitted a report with Resolutions to authorize the paving of Vienna and other streets, and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 160.)

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

The Fifth Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Cooper

Moved to add "Cumberland and Huntingdon street Bridge."

Mr. Kerr

Moved to refer the amendment to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

The Fifth and last Resolution was adopted.

The hour of four having arrived,

Mr. Day

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 2, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, the Manayunk Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to enable them to increase the works under their charge—extend the distribution of Gas,

and equalize the price of the same in all the Wards of the City."

Agreed to.

The question being on the final passage of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Alexander and Kerr,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Faulkner, Fry, Geisz, Gillin, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kershaw, Kneass, Lewis, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, Mellwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Deal, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Kelton, Maag, Moyer, Sites, Stevenson, Wildey, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 50. Nays 16.

Two thirds of the whole number of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 65, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance for the further extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Alexander and Kerr,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Burns,

Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Geisz, Gillin, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kneass, Lewis, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, and Vasey.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Deal, Fitler, Ford, Hacker, Hall, Kelton, Kerr, Moyer, Sites, Warnock, Wildey and John Miller, President.

Yeas 48. Nays 12.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections were agreed to.

The Fifth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Day

Moved to amend by adding after the word "Trustees," in the eighth line, as follows: "unless otherwise ordered by Councils."

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend as follows to come in at the end of the section :

"Provided, Said Trustees shall not be allowed to sell any portion of the Real Estate acquired by the Ordinance, without the consent of Councils."

Agreed to.

Mr. Crease

Moved to amend by striking out the proviso in the printed bill.

Not agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

The question being on the final passage of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Wildey and Moyer,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Barnwell, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fry, Geisz, Geisler, Gillin, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kershaw, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McDonough, McFadden. Mc Manus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Crease, Ford, 'Hall, Kelton, Moyer, Potts, Ridgway, Wildey and John Miller, President.

Yeas 52. Nays 9.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Steel

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, providing for the improvement of Hunting Park in the Twenty-third Ward.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by adding "under the supervision of the Committee on City property."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Clay

On leave granted, offered the following :

Whereas, An Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania en-

titled "An Act to incorporate the Philadelphia and Gray's Ferry Passenger Railway Company," was passed on the 9th day of April, A. D., 1858, which contains the proviso, that before the said Company should use or occupy the streets, the consent of the City Councils should first be obtained, and that said consent should be taken and deemed to have been given, if Councils should not within thirty days therefrom by Ordinance duly passed, signify their disapproval thereof, now therefore be it ordained,

That the Select and Common Councils do hereby absolutely disapprove of the said Act of Incorporation of the Philadelphia and Gray's Ferry Passenger Railway Company, dated April 9, 1858, and all provisions, and Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Mr. Kerr

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Rail Roads.]

Agreed to.

Mr. Brown,

On leave granted, submitted a report from the Special Committee composed of the members of the Eighteenth Ward, with an Ordinance to change the Boundary lines of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Divisions of said Ward; to create an additional Division, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division. (Appendix No. 161.)

Mr. Brown

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Burnell

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Law.

Not agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.
The Title was agreed.

Mr. Brown

Moved to proceed to the third reading of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Perkins and Clay,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bromley, Cooper, Crease, Dougherty, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Geisler, Hacker, Hall, Holman, Keller, Kelton, King, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Potts, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Burnell, Clay, Perkins, and Stevenson.

Yeas 30. Nays 5.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved a call of the house when the following members answered to their names.

Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Bassitt, Black, Boyer, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Ford, Geisz, Geisler, Gillin, Hall, Hutchinson, Keller, Kelton, King, Maag, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wilmer, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

A quorum of members having answered to their names, the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Brown, to proceed to a third reading of the Ordinance reported by the members of the Eighteenth Ward.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Clay and Perkins,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Austin, Black, Boyle, Bromley, Brown, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Dougherty, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Gillin, Hacker, Hall, Holman, Keller, Kelton, King, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Parker, Potts, Schoch, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Boyer, Burnell, Clay, Day, Drayton, Geisz, Jones, Kneass, Maag, Palethorp, Perkins, Steel and Wolf.

Yeas 39. Nays 14.

Agreed to.

Mr. Brown

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bromley,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Department of Highways be directed to grade Green Lane in the Twenty-first Ward, under the supervision of the Committee on Highways.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Bromley

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of City Property is hereby authorized to have the roof of the Police Station House in the Twenty-first Ward repaired, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Mr. Kerr

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Police.

Agreed to.

Mr. Kneass

On leave granted, presented a remonstrance from owners of property on the Darby Road, between Till street and Maylandville, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, against the laying of water pipe on the same.

Mr. Kneass

Moved to refer the same to a Special Committee of five members.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Fitler and Sites,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Burnell, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Crease, Day, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kelton, King, Kneass, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Deal, Dougherty, Faulkner, Kerr, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President. ;

Yeas 41. Nays 6. ,

Agreed to.

The President,

Appointed Messrs. Kneass, Oscar Thompson, Kerr, Stevenson and Day, the Committee.

Select Council,

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Resolution, authorizing the Mayor to release from the lien of a judgment, a certain property belonging to John Felton, John Roberts and James H. Parke. ,

Mr. Perkins

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Parker

Moved to discharge the Committee on Police from the consideration of the Ordinance to 're-organize the Police Department, Approved November 15, 1858.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and King,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Brown, Butcher, Ford, Fry, Kelton, King, Moyer, Parker, Oscar Thompson and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Boyer, Burnell, Cooper, Crease, Day, Drayton, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Kneass, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 11. Nays 31.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Perkins

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names.

Messrs. Alexander, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Boyle, Burnell, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Faulkner, Fry, Hall, Iseminger, Jones, Kelton, Kerr, King, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson,

Vanhorn, Wildey, Wilmer, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.—41.

Select Council,

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance extending the time for selling shad."

Also,

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Also,

A Resolution approving the contract entered into with the Reading Rail Road Company, as ordered by ordinance, approved May 25th, 1857.

Also,

A Resolution to pay item 16 of appropriation to the Department of Highways for the year 1858.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the City Solicitor to compromise the claim against John Hemphill, a former Treasurer of the Guardians of the Poor.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Ontario, Davis and Stiles streets, in the Twentieth Ward."

Also,

In the Resolution to authorize the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction of record upon two certain judgments against John Henderson, in the Supreme Court.

Also,

In the Resolution to authorize the paving of Vienna and other streets, and for other purposes.

Also,

In the Resolution authorizing the City Controller to employ four temporary Clerks.

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to establish and regulate a Market in the late Borough of Frankford, in the Twenty-third Ward."

Also,

In "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of certain expenses of that Department incurred in the year 1857."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the sale of all kinds of fish at the west end of the market-houses at Fourth, Seventh and Seventeenth streets, on Market street, in the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to Samuel C. Thompson, late Commissioner of Market Houses, for clerk-hire and extra services during the period of his office.

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claim of Eli K. Price and certain other claims against the City of Philadelphia incurred during the year 1855, 1856 and 1857."

Mr. Brown

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 27, 1858.

Council met pursuant to the following call.

The President of Common Council is requested to call a special meeting of Common Council, to be held on Tuesday, April 27th, 1858, at 3 o'clock, P. M., to consider the business on the President's desk, from Select Council, and to receive reports from Standing Committees.

Andrew Miller,
James Burns,
Thomas Jones, M. D.
Robert Palethorp, '
William W. Burnell,
Seth Austin,
James G. Barnwell,
Charles Vanhorn,
John Vasey,
John Thompson,
Thomas C. Steel,
W. H. Drayton,
George Wm. Keller,
Samuel C. Perkins,

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.,
Clerk of Common Council,

SIR :

Please call a Special meeting of the Common Council, in accordance with the foregoing requisition.

JOHN MILLER,

President of Common Council.

April 22, 1858.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,
Arnold,
Austin,
Boyer,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burrs,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon, !
Conrad, !
Cooper,
Crease, |
Day,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geisler,
Hall,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
King,

Messrs. Kneass,
Lewis,
Maag,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
Moyer,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Perkins,
Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Thompson, John,
Thompson, Oscar,
Tuder,
Vanhorn,
Vasey,
Warnock,
Wildey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw warrants for the payment of certain parties therein named, for supplies furnished to the Department,

Was considered, read twice and adopted.

The Resolution to authorize the City Solicitor to compromise the claim against John Hemphill, a former Treasurer of the Guardians of the Poor,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the same indefinitely.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Perkins and Burns,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Arnold, Brown, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Hall, Holman, Hutchinson, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, Mc Makin, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Burns and Perkins.

Yeas 43. Nays 2.

Agreed to.

The amendment of Select Council to the Resolution entitled a Resolution to prepare a working plan for Chesnut street Bridge,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

The Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for the purposes therein mentioned,

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Resolutions approving the contract entered into with the Reading Railroad Company, as ordered by Ordinance approved May 25th, 1857, and to pay Item 16, of appropriation to the Department of Highways for the year 1858,

Being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Mascher

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

On leave granted, submitted a Report with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the introduction of Fire Alarm Signal Boxes in the houses of certain companies. (Appendix No. 162.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson, and Cooper,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Brown, Conrad, Crease, Day, Faulkner, Fitler, Hall, Holman, Hutchinson, Keller, Kelson, Kerr, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Steel, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Bromley, Colhoon, Cooper, Drayton, Geisler, Iseminger, King, Morris, McIlwain, McMakin, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson and Vasey.

Yeas 27. Nays 14.

A quorum of members not having voted,

Mr. McMakin

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names.

Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Geisler, Hall, Holman, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins, Sites, Steel, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.
—47.

A quorum of members having answered to their names.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Mascher to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill to make an appropriation to pay for the introduction of Fire Alarm Boxes into the houses of certain companies,

Mr. McIlwain

Moved to lay the motion on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Wildey,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Faulkner, Iseminger, Keller, Lewis, McIlwain, O'Neill and Schoch,

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Bromley, Burns, Conrad, Crease, Day, Drayton, Ford, Hall, Hutchinson, Jones, Kane, Kelton, Kneass, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, McMakin,

McNeal, Perkins, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 11. Nays 29.

A quorum of members not having voted,

Mr. Perkins,

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names.

Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Hall, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Morris, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Steel, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Warnock, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.—44.

A quorum of members having answered to their names, and the question recurring on the motion of Mr. McIlwain to lay the motion of Mr. Mascher on the table,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Mascher to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and O. Thompson

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Austin, Barnwell, Butcher, Colhoon, Conrad, Crease, Day, Drayton, Hall, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kneass, Lewis, Maag, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Arnold, Bromley, Brown, Cooper, Faulkner, McIlwain, McMakin, O'Neill and Schoch.

Yeas 43. Nays 9.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. C. S. Wright .

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "Company" in the eighth line, as follows: "and Hibernia Engine Company," and strike out the sum of "\$ 300" and insert "\$ 450."

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present.

Agreed to.

The Bill from Select Council, "extending the time for selling Shad,"

Being under consideration,

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Day

Moved that the Committee be called upon for reports.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Submitted a certified copy of "A further Supplement to the Act of Assembly, incorporating the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

A communication from the City Solicitor, in relation to certain Passenger Railway Companies chartered by the Legislature. (Appendix No. 163.)

- Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Day

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Clerks of Councils be and they are hereby authorized to procure certified copies of all Acts of General Assembly, being Supplements to the Consolidation Act, and have five hundred copies printed for the use of Councils.

Mr. Day

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.;

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Jones

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health, for expenses of the Health Office and Lazaretto for the year 1858."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Jones

Moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert as follows :

"That the sum of four thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Health, for the payment of the expenses of the Lazaretto and Health Office, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, as follows :

- 1 For repairs to Wharf, two hundred dollars.
- 2 For repairs to Quarantine Master's house, two hundred dollars.
- 3 For new roof to Physician's house, three hundred dollars.
- 4 For Cordage, Paints, &c., two hundred and fifty dollars.
- 5 Burning Fluid, twenty-five dollars.
- 6 Small Boat, fifty dollars.
- 7 Medicines and Instruments, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.
- 8 Straw for Bedding, twenty-five dollars.
- 9 Gas for City Office, twenty-five dollars,
- 10 Filling Ice-house, seventy-five dollars.
- 11 Repairs to Boat-house, thirty-five dollars.
- 12 Repairs to Hospital, two hundred dollars.
- 13 Cleansing and repairing Well, thirty dollars.
- 14 Two Flags, fifty dollars.
- 15 Cap for flag staff, thirty dollars.
- 16 Carpet for spare room, fifty dollars.
- 17 Taxes for Lazaretto, one hundred dollars.

FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE HEALTH OFFICE.

- 18 For Printing and Publishing, one hundred and fifty dollars.
- 19 Stationary and Blanks, two hundred dollars.
- 20 For Taxes, Fuel, Gas, Water rent and Repairs, two hundred dollars.
- 21 For Office Furniture, Repairs to Office, Postage, Cleaning and Incidentals, two hundred and fifty dollars.
- 22 For removal of Nuisances, two thousand dollars.
- 23 For Water Cooler and Ice, forty dollars.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the foregoing appropriations shall be drawn in accordance with existing laws."

Mr. McMakin

Moved to amend in Item 6, by striking out "\$50" and inserting "\$35."

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend by striking out "Item 16."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Faulkner

Moved to amend as follows :

"24.—For conveying infected vessels back to the Quarantine Station, if required during the year, \$500."

Agreed to.

Mr. Jones

Moved to amend by adding as follows :

"25. For conveying the mail to and from the Lazaretto, \$175."

Agreed to

Mr. Kerr

Moved to amend in item 23, by striking out "\$40," and inserting "\$25."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Jones

Moved to amend the amount by striking out in the third line "\$4,675," and insert "\$5,325."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a Report with an Ordinance to authorize the opening of Ninth Street from Morris to McKean Street in the First Ward. (Appendix No. 164.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Preamble and Title were agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A Report with certain Resolutions to authorize the paving of Howard Street in the Nineteenth Ward and other Streets and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 165.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Wildey and Moyer,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Clay, Cooper, Fitler, Moyer and Wildey.

NAYS.—Messrs. Crease, Drayton, Iseminger, Jones, Kerr, Mascher, Andrew Miller, McIlwain, McMakin and Perkins.

Yeas 6. Nays 10.

A quorum of members not having voted,

The President

Declared the Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 29, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Barnwell,
Black,
Boyer,
Boyle,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisz,
Geisler,
Gillin,

Messrs. Ginnodo,
Hall,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kerr,
King,
Kneass,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew
Morris,
Moyer,
McClean,
McDonough,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
O'Neill,
Palethorp,
Parker,
Perkins,

Messrs. Schoch,
Sites,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Taylor,
Thompson, John,
Thompson, Oscar,
Tuder,
Vanhorn,

Messrs. Vasey,
Warnock,
Waterman,
Willey,
Williams,
Wilmer,
Wolf,
Wright, C. S.
Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of last meeting,

Mr. Keller

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

The President,

Presented a Resolution against a double track Railway on Ridge Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Also, the following :

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable the members of the Select and
Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Fire Department, held this evening, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted,

Whereas, repeated efforts have been made to induce the City Councils to admit the Hibernia Hose Company into the Department, therefore be it

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Board, that the wants of the Department do not require nor do we believe that any advantage will result by the admission of said Company.

Resolved, that a copy of this action be presented to each branch of Councils.

Respectfully yours,

EDWIN F. MILLER,

Secretary of the Fire Department.

April 27th 1858.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, April 29th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed ; viz :

On the 23d inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claim of F. W. Binder, Police Magistrate of the 15th Ward.

On the 23d inst., An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Ontario, Davis and Stiles streets, in the 20th Ward.

On the 24th inst., A Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on two certain judgments against John Henderson.

On the 24th inst., A Resolution authorizing the paving of Vienna street and other streets and for other purposes.

On the 24th inst., A Resolution authorizing the City Controller to employ four Clerks.

On the 28th inst., An ordinance to pay the claim of Eli K. Price and others.

On the 28th inst., An Ordinance to establish and regulate a Market in the late Borough of Frankford, Twenty-Third Ward.

On the 29th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health for expenses of Health Office and the Lazaretto for the year 1858.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia:

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from Andrew C. Craig, President of Philadelphia Gas Works, submitting a Remonstrance from the Western Saving Fund Society of Philadelphia against any change of managing said Works. Appendix No. 166.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Messrs. Iseminger and Hutchinson,

Each a remonstrance against the Philadelphia and Gray's Ferry Passenger Railway Company, being allowed to obstruct and appropriate these streets to themselves.

Messrs. Wildey, Sites, McFadden, Waterman and Perkins,

Each one against the Fairmount and Arch street Railway Company.

Which were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Thompson,

A petition from property owners on German street, between Second and Third streets, asking for the location of a Public Lamp.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

One from owners of property on Seventeenth street, between Carpenter and Prime streets, asking that water pipe may be laid on said street.

Mr. Hutchinson,

One of like import from owners of property on Maloney street, in the Eighth Ward.

Mr. C. S. Wright,

One of like import from owners of Property on Stanley street, in the Fourth Ward.

Mr. Kneass,

A Remonstrance of Robert Patterson against laying water pipes along Baltimore Pike or Avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on WaterWorks.

Mr. Waterman

A petition from owners of property in the vicinity of George and South streets, asking for the construction of an inlet.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Mascher

A Bill from C. Burt Town, for printing &c. for the Board of Health.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Vasey

A petition from the Good Will Hose Company, asking for Alarm Signal Box to be placed in their house.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Morris

One from owners of property on Trenton Avenue between Wood and Cumberland Street, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Cooper

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to give notice forthwith to the owners of the ground through and over which Norris street, from Second to Fourth street in the Nineteenth Ward, is laid out on the plan of the late District of Kensington, that at the expiration of three month from the said notice, Councils will order the said Norris street, within the limits, to be opened for public use as they are authorized by the seventh section of an Act of Assembly, approved April 21st, 1855, entitled "A Supplement to the Act Consolidating the City of Philadelphia."

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance Relating to an Act to incorporate the Fairmount and Arch Street City Passenger Railway Company, approved April 16th 1858."

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to certain Passenger Railway Companies.

Also,

A bill entitled "An Ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance relating to certain Passenger Railway Companies.'"

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to the Receiver of Taxes."

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Treasury, and for other purposes."

Also,

A Resolution for the prosecution of Manayunk Surveys.

Also,

A Resolution instructing the City Solicitor and Committee on Rail Roads to prepare An Ordinance for the regulation of all Passenger Railroads in the City of Philadelphia.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to prepare two maps of the City, &c.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the further extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works," With the following amendments:—

Amend First Section by striking out the word "receive" in the 5th line, and inserting the words "agree for a conveyance to the city of Philadelphia."

Also, in same Section, 8th line, by striking out the word "reversionary."

Amend 2d Section, at the end thereof, by adding the words "deducting from the above valuations of the properties respectively the par value of any ground rent on any of the said properties."

Amend Third Section, in the 13th, 14th and 15th lines, by striking out the words "at such period as may be designated in said deeds of trust."

Also, same Section, by adding at the end thereof, as follows:—

Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the Trustees of the Gas Works to raise the price of gas to private consumers to a higher rate than two dollars and twenty-five cents per thousand, in any portion of the City of Philadelphia in which the present price of gas does not exceed that rate; and Provided, also, that the price of gas in all other parts of the city shall be reduced to the lowest rates which will

pay to the works a remunerating price for its manufacture and delivery, and at the same time permit the creation of a sinking fund for the ultimate extinguishment of the cost of these respective works, which shall accumulate in the same ratio with the existing sinking fund of the gas works."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the opening of Ninth street from Morris to McKean streets, in the First Ward."

Also,

In the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of bonds, mortgages, plank road and railroad stocks owned by the city of Philadelphia."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay jurors of 1856 and 1857, and for other purposes.

Also,

Concurred in the Resolution authorizing the clerks of Councils to refund to the City Solicitor certain sums paid for certified copies of acts of Assembly.

Also,

In the Resolution instructing the City Controller to make no further payments to the Sheriff for the conveyance of prisoners to and from the county prison.

Also,

In the Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the official bond of Matthias Creamer, late Collector of Corporation Taxes, &c., for the year 1858, &c.

Also.

In the Amendments of Common Council to Select Council's Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of City Property to proceed with the improvement of Hunting Park.

Mr Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of a bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to 'An Act to incorporate the Fairmount and Arch Street City Passenger Railway Company,' approved April 16th, 1858."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. A. Miller and Deal,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Barnwell, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hall, Holman, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Palethorp, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Burnell, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Faulkner, Geisz, Hutchinson, Iseminger, Keller, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McDonough, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Perkins and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 39. Nays 17.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neal

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill for the present.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and McMakin,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Burnell, Conrad, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Faulkner, Geisz, Ginnodo, Hutchinson, Jones, Keller, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McMakin, McNeal, Perkins, John Thompson, Vasey, Williams and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Coooper, Drayton, Ford, Geisler, Gillin, Holman, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Moyer, McDonough, McFadden, Mellwain, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey and John Miller Pres't.

Yeas 23. Nays 38.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

It was agreed to.

Mr Faulkner

Moved to add the following as a new section :

"SECTION 2. That the said Company before making use of any of the streets or Highways of the City, other than the Streets named in the act of Assembly incorporating the above Company, shall first obtain the consent of Councils thereto by ordinance duly enacted ; and that if the said Company shall within ninety days from the passage of this Ordinance, and before they shall use or occupy any of the said streets, file in the office of the City Solicitor a written obligation, sufficient in his opinion in law, to bind the said company to observe and be subject to this and all other Ordinances of the City of Philadelphia, in relation to passenger railways still in force, or at any time thereafter to be passed, then the provisions of the First Section of this ordinance shall be of no effect."

Mr. Parker

Moved to lay the same on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Faulkner and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Gillin, Ginnodo,

Holman, Jones, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Moyer, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Taylor, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Waterman, Wildey and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Burnell, Deal, Faulkner, Geisz, Keller, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, Mc Makin, Palethorp, Perkins, Stevenson, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Williams, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 42. Nays 21.

Agreed to.

The Preamble and Title were agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to a third reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Faulkner,

And being ordered, were as followss :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Geisler, Gillin, Ginnodo, Holman, Jones, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Burnell, Conrad, Day, Deal, Faulkner, Geisz, Hutchinson, Keller, Andrew Miller, McClean, McDonough, McMakin, McNeal, Perkins, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Williams and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 44. Nays 20.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the following bills from Select Council viz :

“An Ordinance relating to certain Passenger Railway Companies.”

And the bill entitled “An Ordinance supplemental to an Ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance relating to certain Passenger Railway Companies.’ ”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Cooper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Day, Dougherty, Drayton Fidler, Ford, Geisler, Gillin, Ginnodo, Jones, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Stevenson Taylor, John Thompson, Osear Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Williams, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Burnell, Conrad, Deal, Faulkner, Geisz, Hall, Keller, Andrew Miller, McClean and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 51. Nays 11.

Agreed to.

The Bills relating to certain Passenger Railway Companies, being under consideration,

Mr. McDonough

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of three Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Cooper, Crease, Geisz, Geisler, Hall, Jones, Keller, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McDonough, McMakin, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Boyle, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Conrad, Day, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Holman, King, Kneass, Moyer, Mc Fadden, McIlwain, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer and John Miller, President.

Yeas 28. Nays 36.

Not agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr Kneass

Moved to amend in the second line by inserting after the words "preamble named" the following, viz: "except the Girard College Passenger Rail Road Company."

Mr. Cooper

Moved to lay the amendment together with the Section on the table, whereupon

Mr. Parker

Called for a division of the question.

The question being on the first division,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Fitler,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Clay, Cooper, Crease, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Fry, Geisz,

Gillin, Henszey, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McDonough, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, Vanhorn and Vasey.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Boyle, Brown, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Dougherty, Ford, Geisz, Ginnodo, Holman Kneass, Maag, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, Mc Manus, McNeal, Sites, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

Yeas 32. Nays 28.

Agreed to.

The question being on the second division,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Cooper and Bromley,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Baird, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burns, Colhoon, Cooper, Dougherty, Geisler, Gillin, Kneass, Makins, McIlwain, McManus, O'Neill, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Brown, Black, Burnell, Butcher Clay, Conrad, Crease, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitter, Fry, Geisz, Ginnodo, Hall, Henszey, Holman, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, McMakin, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 20. Nays 45.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Mr. Kneass was laid on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Kneass,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Brown, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Ford, Fry, Geisler, Gillin, Holman, Kneass, Makins, Moyer, McManus, O'Neill, Stevenson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Wildey and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Bromley, Burnell, Clay, Conrad, Crease, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Geisz, Hall, Henszey, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, King, Maag, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McMakin, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Schoch, Steel, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Warnock, Williams, Wilmer and Wolf.

Yeas 24. Nays 34.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to suspend the further consideration of the bill for the present, in order to proceed to the election of three Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Agreed to.

Mr. McDonough

Moved to proceed to the election of three Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Presented the following :

The undersigned submits and enters upon the Journal his reasons for voting against the Resolution to proceed to the election of three Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

1. The constitutionality of the law authorizing the election of the said Trustees, ought to be settled by the Supreme Court before they are elected.

2. The law is morally wrong in conferring upon a body at the extreme end of its existence, the power to elect officers who are to continue in existence for three years.

ANDREW MILLER.

Philadelphia, April 29th, 1858.

Council proceeded to the election of three Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

The Clerk acting as teller reported that 47 votes had been cast, of which

Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Drayton, Geisz, Geisler, Gillin, Holman, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McClean, McDonough, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Sites, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

46, voted for Michael J. Dougherty, Edward H. Faulkner and John Campbell.

Mr. Boyle,

1, voted for Michael J. Dougherty and Edward H. Faulkner.

Messrs. Michael J. Dougherty, Edward H. Faulkner and John Campbell, having received all the votes cast, were declared to be elected.

Council resumed the consideration of the Bill relating to certain Passenger Railways.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the purpose of allowing him to offer the following :

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it will be to meet to morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Moyer and Sites,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Black, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulk-

ner. Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Holman, Jones Kelton, Kerr, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Potts, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Butcher, Cooper, Crease, Kneass, Makins, Moyer, McIlwain, Sites, Stevenson and Wildey.

Yeas 39. Nays 11.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Sites and Moyer,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Boyle, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Day, Dougherty, Fry, Ginnodo, Jones, Kane, Kerr, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, John Thompson, Vasey, Warnock Waterman and Wilmer.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher, Gillin, Kneass, Makins and McClean.

Yeas 28. Nays 5.

A quorum of members not having voted,

Mr. Ginnodo

Moved a call of the house, when the following members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Arnold, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Ford, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hall, Holman, Jones, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp,

Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, Wildey and C. S. Wright.—49.

A quorum of members having answered to their names,

And the question being on the adoption of the Resolution of Mr. Miller,

It was agreed to.

Council having resumed the consideration of the Bill relating to certain Passenger Railway Companies.

Mr. Kerr

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, viz:

Messrs. Mascher, Fitler, Crease, Vanhorn, Waterman, Jones, Kane, Hall, Palethorp, Warnock, O'Neill, Drayton, Dougherty and Kerr.

The question being shall the main question be now put?

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Perkins and Kane.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Burnell, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Fitler, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hall, Holman, Jones, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McManus, O'Neill, Palethorp, Potts, Schoch, Sites, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Waterman, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Colhoon, Conrad, Faulkner, Kane, Perkins and Wildey.

Yeas 48. Nays 7.

It was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Second Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Brown, Burnell, Conrad, Crease, Day, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Fidler, Ginnodo, Holman, Jones, Kerr, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, Mc Manus, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wildey, Wilmer, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Black, Boyle, Burns, Colhoon, Cooper, Kane, Makins, O'Neill and Stevenson.

Yeas 37. Nays 9.

Agreed to.

The Preamble being under consideration,

Mr. Arnold

Moved to amend by inserting after "1858 " where it occurs the second time, as follows :

"And a certain other Act of Assembly entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Fairmount and Arch street City Passenger Railway Company.'"

Mr. Wilmer

Moved to lay the same upon the table.

Agreed to.

The Preamble and Title were agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The Bill "Supplementary to an Ordinance relating to certain Passenger Railway Companies,"

Being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to lay the same on the table.

Agreed to.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Kneass and Kerr.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Burnell, Conrad, Crease, Day, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Hall, Holman, Jones, Kane, Maag, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McManus, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Warnock, Wilmer and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Black, Boyle, Bromley, Brown, Burns, Colhoon, Cooper, Gillin, Kerr, Kneass, Makins, Moyer, McIlwain, O'Neill, Schoch, Sites, Oscar Thompson, Wildey and John Miller, President.

Yeas 28. Nays 20.

Agreed to.

Mr. Fitler,

Chairman of Committee on Water Works of Common Council,

On leave granted, Reported back the Resolution from Select Council, granting permission to Dr. Jayne to make an attachment to the water main, as committed, with an amendment. (Appendix No. 167.)

Mr. Fitler

Moved to proceed to the second reading of the amendment.

Agreed to.

Mr. Fitler

Moved to amend by inserting the following after the word provided "there is a public stop on the pavement with a settled plate."

Mr. Drayton

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Fitler was agreed to.

The question being on the Resolution as amended,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Fitler and Stevenson,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Black, Bromley, Brown, Clay, Crease, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Fitler, Ford, Gillin, Hall, Holman, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McFadden, McNeal, Palethorp, Perkins, Schoch, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Vanhorn, Vasey, Wildey, Wilmer, Wolf and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Colhoon, Cooper, Deal, Geisler, Maag, Makins, Morris and Stevenson.

Yeas 35. Nays 9.

It was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution, as follows :

“ Resolved, That Common Council be requested to return to the Clerks of this Chamber, the Bill entitled ‘An Ordinance relative to the further extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works.’ ”

Messrs. Parker and Andrew Miller

Moved to return the Bill.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented a Communication extending an invitation

to Councils to attend the fourth anniversary of the Northern Home for friendless children.

Mr. Perkins

Moved the invitation be accepted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton .

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council, relating to the Receiver of Taxes.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections were agreed to.

The Title and Preamble were agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution to authorize the paving of Howard street in The Nineteenth Ward and other streets and for other purposes.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have concurred in the Ordinance for the further extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works, with the following amendments :

Strike out the word "receive" in the First Section fifth line, and insert the words "agree for a conveyance to the City of Philadelphia."

Also, in same Section, eighth line, strike out the word "reversionary."

Amend Third Section in the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth lines, by striking out the words "at such period as may be designated in said deed of trust."

Also, amend the same Section, by adding thereto as follows :

" Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the Trustees of the Gas Works to raise the price of gas to private consumers to a higher rate than two dollars and twenty-five cents per thousand, in any portion of the City of Philadelphia in which the present price of gas does not exceed that rate.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Fitler,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Andrew Miller, Schoch, John Thompson and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Clay, Cooper, Crease, Deal, Drayton, Faulkner, Kane, Kerr, Kneass, Mascher, Morris, McNeal, Perkins and Vanhorn.

Yeas 5. Nays 15.

A quorum of members not having voted,

The President

Declared Council adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 30, 1858.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Arnold,
Austin,
Black
Bromley,
Brown,
Butcher,
Clay,
Conrad,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Ford,
Ginnodo,
Hall,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Jones,
Kelton,
Kerr,

Messrs. Kneass,
Maag,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew,
Morris,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Palethorp,
Perkins,
Schoch,
Steel,
Stevenson,
Thompson, John,
Vasey,
Waterman,
Wilkey,
Wolf,
Miller, John, Pres't.

Mr. Kerr

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to take a recess of fifteen minutes.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Wolf

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 6, 1858.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present :

Messrs. Arnold,
Austin,
Baird,
Bassitt,
Black,
Boyer,
Boyle,
Bromley,
Brown,
Burnell,
Burns,
Butcher,
Clay,
Colhoon,
Conrad,
Cooper,
Crease,
Day,
Deal,
Dougherty,
Drayton,
Faulkner,
Fitler,
Ford,
Fry,
Geisler,
Gillin,
Ginnodo,

Messrs. Hacker,
Hall,
Handy,
Henszey,
Holman,
Hutchinson,
Iseminger,
Jones,
Kane,
Keller,
Kelton,
Kerr,
Kershaw,
King,
Kneass,
Maag,
Makins,
Mascher,
Miller, Andrew
Morris,
Moyer,
McClean,
McDonough,
McFadden,
McIlwain,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,

Messrs. O'Neill,	Messrs. Thompson, Oscar,
Palethorp,	Tuder,
Parker,	Vanhorn,
Perkins,	Vasey,
Potts,	Waterman,
Ridgway,	Willey,
Schoch,	Williams,
Steel,	Wilmer,
Stevenson,	Wolf,
Taylor,	Wright, C. S.
Thompson, John,	Miller, John, Pres't.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to dispense with the calling of Committees.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Treasury, and for other purposes."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Day

Moved to strike out Item 4.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to strike out "Item 5."

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to strike out “\$ 6,896.41 ” in Item 1, and insert “\$ 7,406.41.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Bromley

Moved to amend as follows: “J. Morrison as Vaccine Physician of Twenty-first Ward.”

Mr. Day

Moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Agreed to.

Mr. Steel

Moved to amend by adding “Wm. D. Baker \$ 150.”

Not agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend the enacting clause by striking out “\$ 11, 395.73 ” and inserting “\$ 11,485.23.”

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to strike out “5 ” after “2,” in the second line.

Also,

Strike out “Item 4, by the Guardians of the Poor.”

Agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Drayton,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to certain City Officers and Departments." (Appendix No. 168.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City." (Appendix No. 169.)

Mr. Drayton

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Perkins

Moved to strike out Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out Item 1.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to change the numbers of the Items so as to be consistent with the amendments.

Agreed to.

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend the enacting clause by striking out \$ 1662.63 and inserting \$ 765.88.

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Drayton

Moved to amend as follows :

“ Items 1, 2 and 3 to be drawn by the City Commissioners, Item 4 by the President of the Board of Health, Item 5 by the Mayor, Items 6 and 8 by the Guardians of the Poor, and Item 7 by the City Solicitor.”

Agreed to.

The Second Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Day

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chiefs of the several Departments be requested to furnish Councils with a statement of the amount of moneys appropriated to and expended by, each of the said Departments from January 1st, 1858, to May 1st, 1858, to May 10th, 1858.

Read twice and adopted.

The President

Presented the following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, April 29th, 1858.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to provide for the sale of all kinds of fish at the west end of the Market

Houses, at Fourth, Seventh and Seventeenth streets, on Market street, in the City of Philadelphia, is herewith returned without my approval."

Renting some portions of the public streets to one set of dealers at high rents, because they are the only streets to be thus occupied, and after receiving the money into the public Treasury, taking from the public the use of other portions of the highways, to favor a few additional applicants, cannot be sanctioned by any principle of public justice or municipal policy.

Until the present system of renting the use of the highways to private citizens for private uses, outside the Market Houses, receives the serious consideration of Councils, and some legislation based on sound principles enacted, I cannot approve this spasmodic legislation, which must necessarily complicate that action which should be the result of a judicious and impartial consideration of the important principles therein involved.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to reconsider the Bill.

Agreed to.

And the question being, "Shall the Bill pass notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor?"

The Yeas and Nays were ordered, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Deal, Dougherty, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Maag, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McDonough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Perkins, Stevenson, Taylor, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Waterman, Wildey, Wilmer and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Bassitt, Butcher Day, Faulkner, Ford, Geisler, Holman, Kane, Kelton, Kerr,

King, Makins, Mascher, Morris, Palethorp, Parker, Potts, Schoch, John Thompson, Vasey, Williams, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 42. Nays 26.

Not agreed to.

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, May 6th, 1858.

To the Honorable the members of the Select and
Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

A Resolution in the following words : " Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the City Controller be instructed to make no further payments to the Sheriff for the conveyance of prisoners to and from the county prison, and to retain in his hands out of any money now due or hereafter to become due to the Sheriff, a sum equal to that which he has received specially for this service during his term of office," has been submitted for executive approval.

As I understand the purport of this Resolution, it assumes that a question of law exists as to the right of the Sheriff to draw from the Treasury a certain sum for services rendered, and assuming this, it decides on this right, and directs the withholding of the money due or claimed for these services.

If the money has been already appropriated by Councils, and itemized for this particular disbursement, the power of Councils over it is gone, so far as the legal question involved is concerned, the Councils have no judicial powers.

If the Controller in taking legal advice shall find that the Sheriff has no authority to draw this money, no action of Councils is necessary, or if necessary can accomplish more than the proper executive officer is bound to perform.

If economy is desired by the Resolution, I do not see that private rights should be sacrificed to accomplish what popular opinion has neither appreciated nor approved.

I return the Resolution without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to reconsider the bill.

Agreed to.

On the question "shall this Resolution pass notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor?"

The Yeas and Nays were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Ford, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Handy, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kelton, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McClean, McDonough, McIlwain, McMakin, Perkins, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey and Wolf.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Holman, Kane, Kerr, Morris, McFadden, McManus, Mc Neal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Potts, Schoch, Vasey, Wilmer, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 42 Nays 20.

Agreed to.

Also, the following from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
May 6th, 1858.

To the President and members of Common Council
of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed ; viz :

On the 30th ult., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of certain expenses of that Department incurred in 1857."

On the 30th ult., "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Jurors of 1856 and 1857, and for other purposes."

On the 1st inst., "An Ordinance to authorize the

opening of Ninth street from Morris to McKean streets, in the First Ward."

On the 1st inst., "A Resolution to return certain money to the City Solicitor."

On the 5th inst., "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to S. C. Thompson."

On the 5th inst., "A Resolution to prepare a working plan for Chesnut street Bridge."

On the 5th inst., "A Resolution instructing the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the bond of Matthias Kremer, deceased."

On the 6th inst., "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of Bonds, Mortgages, Plank roads and Rail Road Stock owned by the City of Philadelphia."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Steel,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are eminently due to our worthy President John Miller, Esq., for the courteous, able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during the past official year, and their assurances of personal regard and good wishes are respectfully tendered him by his fellow members.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Steel and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Baird, Bassitt, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher,

Clay, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Dougherty, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Gillin, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Mascher, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McClean, Mc Donough McFadden, Mcllwain, McMakin, McManus, Mc Neal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Waterman, Wildey, Williams, Wilmer, Wolf and C. S. Wright.

Yeas 72.

Unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Steel

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and hereby tendered to Gen. John D. Miles, Clerk, and Col. T. W. Duffield, assistant Clerk of this body for the past year, and to Messrs. Isaiah H. Butler and James Magner, the Messengers, for the faithful and courteous manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

Read twice and unanimously adopted.

Mr. O'Neill,

On leave granted, read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for purposes therein mentioned." (Appendix No. 170.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Steel,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Austin, Bassitt, Black, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Brown, Burnell, Burns, Butcher, Clay, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Dougherty,

Fry, Geisler, Ginnodo, Hall, Handy, Henszey, Holman, Jones, Kane, Keller, Kelton, Kerr, King, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, Moyer, McClean, Mc Donough, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McManus, Mc Neal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Parker, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, Steel, John Thompson, Tudor, Vasey, Waterman, Wildey, Williams, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Drayton, Mascher, Stevenson and Vanhorn.

Yeas 61. Nays 5.

Agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Reported back as committed the Resolutions from Select Council, approving a contract entered with the Reading Rail Road Company, for the erection of a Bridge over the Reading Rail Road on the line of Girard Avenue. (Appendix No. 171.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with Resolutions authorizing the paving of Wharton street, and for other purposes. (Appendix No. 172.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by adding, provided, that the City shall not be at any expense thereof, other than the paving of the intersections of said streets, and that the persons doing said paving shall receive the cost of the same from the owners of property fronting on said streets.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

The Second Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hall

Asked leave to submit a report from the Committee on Market Houses.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Boyer and Deal,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Bassitt, Black, Burnell, Burns, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Drayton, Faulkner, Ford, Fry, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Henszey, Iseminger, Jones, Kane, King, Maag, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, O'Neill, Perkins, Potts, Schoch, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson and Wildey.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Crease, Deal, Holman, Kerr, Makins, Mascher, Morris, McClean, McMakin, McManus, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 34. Nays 16.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Submitted a point of order, to wit :

That a majority of the members of said Committee had not signed the report.

The President

Decided that the point was well taken.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the report be read.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Stevenson,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Bassitt, Black, Brown, Burnell, Colhoon, Conrad, Cooper, Crease, Drayton, Ford, Fry, Geisler, Ginnodo, Hacker, Hall, Handy, Henszey, Iseminger, Jones, Maag, Andrew Miller, Moyer, McFadden, McIlwain, Perkins, Potts, Steel, Stevenson, Taylor, John Thompson, Oscar Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Wildey and Williams.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnwell, Boyer, Boyle, Bromley, Day, Deal, Holman, Kane, Kerr, Mascher, Morris, McMakin, McManus, Palethorp, Schoch, Wolf, C. S. Wright and John Miller, President.

Yeas 35. Nays 18.

Two thirds of the members not having voted in the affirmative,

The President

Declared the motion not agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, providing for the prosecution of Passyunk Surveys.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolution to release certain property of Robert Laughlin from the lien of a judgment hereinafter mentioned.

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment entered in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the Eastern District, to January term, 1858, No. 102, wherein the City of Philadelphia is plaintiff, and John Matz, Robert Laughlin and Christian Gross and Brothers are defendants, the following described property owned by Robert Laughlin, one of the said defendants, viz :

No. 1. All that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the east side of the Frankford and Bristol Turnpike Road, and northwesterly side of Duke street, as now laid out and opened in that part of the City of Philadelphia, lately called Kensington District, bounded and described agreeably to a survey made thereof by Benjamin Moore, Surveyor, as follows, to wit : beginning at the north east corner of the said Duke street and Frankford Road, thence extending along the said Duke street north, sixty-seven degrees and twenty-eight minutes and a half east, sixty feet to ground granted to Charles E. Pleasants to Genel Ely on ground rent, thence by the same northwestward thirteen feet nine inches and a quarter, to ground late of John Dean, deceased, thence by the same, southwesterly, eleven feet eight inches, and thence westward at right angles with the said Frankford Road, thirty-eight feet 5 inches and a half to the east side of the said road, and thence southward along the said road, thirty-two feet four inches and half to the place of beginning.

No. 2. All that certain three story brick messuage or tenement and lot or piece of ground, situate on the northwesterly side of Duke street, as now laid out and opened in the said late Kensington District, beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of said Duke street, at the distance of sixty feet northeastward from the north east corner of the said Frankford and Bristol Turnpike Road and the said Duke street, thence extending northwesterly by ground formerly of Charles E. Pleasants, now of the said Robert

Laughlin, thirteen feet nine inches and a quarter, to ground formerly of John Dean, thence northeasterly along the line of said John Dean's ground, the distance of twenty-six feet nine inches and a half, to ground late of Clayton Earl, deceased, thence southwesterly along the line of said Earl's ground fifteen feet two inches and three-quarters, to the northwesterly side of said Duke street, and thence southwesterly along the said Duke street, twenty-seven feet six inches and a quarter, to the place of beginning.

No. 3. All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the said late District of Kensington, and fronting on the Frankford Turnpike Road, beginning at the distance of about three hundred and seventy-nine feet twenty-one inches from the northerly corner of Widow Norris' land, on Shackamaxon street, (which distance is measured along said Shackamaxon street and the said road,) and a corner of a lot sold to Philip Smith, containing in front, northerly from said Smith's lot on Frankford Road, twenty-one feet six inches, and continuing that breadth, between lines that are not straight, but forming a half elbow southerly at half the depth of said lot, which extends to ground now or lately owned by Jacob Shoemaker and others, the northerly line of said lot, being the same direction of and equal distance from the southerly line thereof, but not of the same length, but the direction of both agreeing with the line of the said Philip Smith's lot on the south. Bounded northerly by ground of the said John Dean, eastwardly by ground now or late of Jacob Shoemaker and others, southwardly by ground of Philip Smith, and westwardly by the said Frankford Road.

Provided, the other defendants in said judgment consent thereto, and that the City Solicitor give a certificate that the remaining property of said defendants is sufficient for the security of the Corporation.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Perkins

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend as follows: provided, that the expense thereof be paid by the parties.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn sine die.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution to authorize the paving of Howard street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and other streets, and for other purposes.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Moyer and Stevenson,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Arnold, Baird, Barnwell, Boyer, Bromley, Burnell, Butcher, Colhoon, Cooper, Crease, Day, Deal, Faulkner, Geisler, Handy, Henszey, Iseminger, Jones, Keller, Kerr, Kneass, Maag, Makins, Andrew Miller, Morris, McClean, McFadden, McIlwain, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Palethorp, Perkins, Taylor, John Thompson, Tudor, Vanhorn, Vasey, Waterman, Wolf and John Miller, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Bassitt, Black, Brown, Moyer, Stevenson and Oscar Thompson.

Yeas 41. Nays 6.

Agreed to.

The First Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The Second Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the same.

Not agreed to.

The Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Resolutions, were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Day

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the Ordinance for the further extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Agreed to.

Mr. Day

Moved to concur therein.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution authorizing City Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the bond given by certain persons.

Also,

Instructing the City Solicitor to make a digest of consolidation act for the use of members of Councils.

Also,

A Resolution entitled "A Resolution to change the Precinct House of the Fifth Division of Twenty-second Ward.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Chiefs of Departments to furnish certain information to Councils.

Also,

In the Resolution instructing the City Controller to make no further payments to the Sheriff for the conveyance of prisoners, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.

Also,

In the amendments of Common Council to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasury, and for other purposes."

Also,

In the amendments of Common Council to the Resolution granting permission to Dr. Jayne, to make an attachment to the Chesnut street main.

Also,

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Resolution entitled "Resolution to authorize the paving of Wharton street and for other purposes."

Also,

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City."

Also,

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the West Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company to lay the rails of their road over Market street Bridge.

Also,

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to certain City Officers and Departments."

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that this Chamber now adjourn sine die.

Agreed to.

Council adjourned, sine die.

Attest:

JOHN D. MILES,

Clerk of Common Council.

APPENDIX

TO THE

JOURNAL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

NOVEMBER 1857 TO MAY 1858.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX No. 1.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith transmit the estimates of the Receipts and Expenses of the several Departments of the City Government, for the year 1858, so far as the same have been received at this office.

On the 20th of October, I sent a circular (a copy of which is hereunto attached) to each of the Departments named in the accompanying schedule, requesting them to forward their estimates to this Department on the 1st of November, inst.; and the reason why it has not been more generally responded to is, I apprehend, because of resolutions being offered in, and passing one branch of Councils, calling on the heads of Departments to furnish their estimates to Councils, on a day different from that fixed by law.

I am not anxious to retain the charge of any duty which Councils may wish to assume, or commit to other hands; but I must not be held accountable for neglects or omissions which may occur under a divided responsibility. And I respectfully submit that no regularity or system can be expected in this or any other important matter, if the Departments can justify themselves in a departure from duties prescribed by Acts of Assembly and City Ordinances, under the fact that other propositions are pending in Councils—though not finally acted upon—directing a contrary course.

If any additional estimates are received, they will be copied forthwith, and transmitted to Councils, or the Finance Committee, if so directed, on their first meeting thereafter.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

Schedule of Estimates of the Receipts and Expenses of the several Departments for the year 1858, as furnished to the City Controller, from the 2d to the 19th of November 1857.

	Total Receipts 1858.	Total Expenses 1858.	Bills due 1857 and Previous.
Dept. of Police,			
" Highways,		163,466 32	
" City Commissioners,		64,246 03	1,212 10
" City Property,	19,897 72	14,350 00	29 43
" City Controller,			
" City Treasurer,	371,800 00	1,351,028 26	
" Supplying Water,	478,000 00	171,010 00	300 00
" Market Houses,			
" Wharves and Landings,			
" Receiver of Taxes,		21,800 00	
" Surveys,		42,996 00	
" Law,	30,000 00	16,950 00	
" Fire,		39,350 00	
" Clerks of Councils,		29,320 00	
Controllers of the Public Schools,			
Board of Health,			
Guardians of the Poor,			
Inspectors of the Prison,		66,565 50	
Trustees of City Ice Boat,	6,334 00	12,475 00	
Girard Trust (Supt.),			
Supt. of Trusts (C. Oat),			
Commis'rs. of Sinking Funds,		159,079 00	

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
PHILADELPHIA, OCT. 20, 1857. }

To _____

Sir:—I respectfully call your attention to the 23d section of an Act of Assembly, approved May 13, 1856, entitled "A Further Supplement to the Act Consolida-

ting the City of Philadelphia," and request that you will furnish this Department with the "Estimate" therein required.

In addition to said "estimate" you will also please send one of the amount of revenue which may be expected from your department the ensuing year, with the sources from which said revenue will be derived.

It is also desired that you embrace in your reply to this communication a statement of the debts, if any, that will be due and chargeable against your Department, on the first of January next, over and above the appropriations made for the expenses of the present fiscal year—or debts contracted prior thereto—with the names of the parties to whom such debts are due, and the objects for which they were incurred; and any other information that will facilitate the labors of the Committee of Finance, and enable them to act understandingly in making up the appropriations for the expenses and liabilities of your Department.

Your earliest attention to this subject will materially lessen the labors of this Department, and much oblige,

Very Respectfully,

STEPHEN TAYLOR,

City Controller.

ESTIMATES OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }
PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 9, 1857. }

STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.,
CITY CONTROLLER,

SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the Acts of Assembly, we herewith send you an estimate, of the expenses of this office for the year 1858, viz:

For Expenses of District Court,

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| 1. To pay six officers, | 4,390 00 |
| 2. " Jurors Nos. 1 & 2, | 6,500 00 |
| 3. " for Books and Stationery, | 150 00 |

Total for District Court, \$11,040 00

For Expenses, Court of Common Pleas,

4. To pay four officers,	\$2,870 00
5. " Jurors,	4000 00
6. " for Books and Stationery,	150 00

Total for Court of Common Pleas, \$7,020 00

For Expenses of Supreme Court,

7. To pay five officers,	2,900 00
8. " Jurors,	2000 00
9. " for Books and Stationery,	150 00

Total for Supreme Court, \$5,050 00

For Expenses of Court of Quarter Sessions,

10. To pay twelve officers,	9,150 00
11. " Jurors,	10,000 00
12. " Grand Jurors and Interpreter,	5,900 00
13. " for Books and Stationery,	150 00
14. " Meals for Jurors,	500 00
15. " Witness fees,	400 00
16. " District Attorney's Fees,	6000 00
17. " Clerk of Quarter Sessions,	5000 00
18. " Sheriff's fees,	6000 00
19. " Coroner's fees,	5000 00
20. " Carriage Hire for Grand Jury,	400 00
21. " Road Jurors,	800 00
22. " Gas Bills,	90 00

Total for Court of Quarter Sessions, \$49,390 00

For making out the Tax Duplicates for 1858 including Calculations, &c., viz :

23. For First Ward,	225 00
" Second "	165 00
" Third "	105 00
" Fourth "	110 00
" Fifth "	140 00
" Sixth "	145 00
" Seventh Ward,	165 00
" Eighth "	140 00
" Ninth "	115 00
" Tenth "	130 00
" Eleventh "	100 00
" Twelfth "	110 00
" Thirteenth Ward,	200 00
" Fourteenth "	160 00

23. For Fifteenth Ward,	\$150 00
“ Sixteenth “	115 00
“ Seventeenth “	125 00
“ Eighteenth “	125 00
“ Nineteenth “	205 00
“ Twentieth “	180 00
“ Twenty-First Ward,	140 00
“ Twenty-Second “	185 00
“ Twenty-Third “	260 00
“ Twenty-Fourth “	175 00

Total for making Duplicates, \$3.670 00

24. To pay for Books and Stationery, for Tax Du- plicates,	330 00
25. To pay for Indexing Tax Duplicates for 1858,	1,200 00
26. “ Comparing and correcting “	250 00

Expenses of Assessment, viz:

27. To pay Salary of 54 Assessors, and their Divi- sion Books,	17,020 00
28. To pay Assessors for preparing Street lists, for printing 1 ct. per name,	1,300 00
29. Books for Assessors,	400 00
30. For Comparing and correcting Assessors books,	250 00
31. For Board of Revision,	400 00
32. For Indexing Assessors' books, 5 ct. per page,	1,250 00
33. To pay Election Officers,	12,500 00
34. “ Return Judges, Clerk & Messenger,	166 00
35. “ Oaths taken by Alderman,	300 00
36. “ Constables' Fees,	250 00
37. “ Rent of Rooms for Elections,	250 00
38. “ For making out Transcripts for Election officers, $\frac{3}{4}$ ct. per name,	975 00
39. To pay for Cleaning and renovating the same,	200 00
40. To pay for Collecting and Distributing the Elec- tion boxes for May and October elections,	400 00
41. To pay for Printing Sheriff's Proclamation in three daily papers,	1,500 00
42. To pay for Printing and posting Sheriff's Pro- clamation,	1000 00
43. To pay for Printing and posting Lists of Asses- sors,	5000 00
44. To pay for Printing and posting Extra Assess- ments,	2000 00
45. To pay for Stationery, Blanks, and Printing for elections, in May and October 1858,	2000 00

46. To pay for Recording elections May and October 1858,	\$200 00
47. To pay for Arrests of Fugitives from Justice,	150 00
48. To pay for Auditors appointed by the Court of Common Pleas,	200 00
49. To pay for Postage, Advertising and Printing,	500 00
50. To pay Salary of Geo. M. Hill, 4½ months,	656 32
51. " " Jas. M. Leddy,	1,250 00
52. " " Jas. Logan,	1000 00
53. " " Commissioner to be elected,	625 00
54. " " Clerk,	800 00
55. " " Messenger,	500 00
56. To pay Boarding of Patients in the Pennsylvania State Lunatic Asylum,	1,500 00
57. To pay Board of Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary,	6,000 00
58. To pay Northern Home for Friendless Children,	1000 00
59. " Union School and Children's Home,	1000 00
60. " Books and Stationery for C.C.'s Office,	1000 00
61. " Board of Inspectors, House of Refuge,	20,000 00
62. " Office Expenses, Scrubbing, Cleaning &c.,	200 00
63. " for Books for Recorder of Deeds,	1,159 00
64. " " Register of Wills,	215 00
65. " for making Jury Ballots,	200 00
66. " for Recording Jurors,	200 00
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	\$87,296 32

The undersigned in making the foregoing estimates of the expenditures for the coming year, have done so with a strict regard to economy in the administration of their office, and they trust that this course will be properly appreciated by those making the appropriations.

It will be observed that several items in this Estimate will be found to be smaller than the one of 1857, and but few larger.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) J. M. LEDDY, }
JAMES LOGAN, } City Commissioners.

ESTIMATE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CITY PROPERTY.

Estimate of the Appropriations required for the Department of City Property, for the year 1858.

1. For Salaries of the Commissioner of City Property and Messenger, two thousand dollars,	\$2000 00
2. For Stationery and office expenses, three hundred dollars,	300 00
3. For Salary of Collector of Revenue and Watchman at Tobacco Warehouse, eleven hundred and sixty dollars,	1,160 00
4. For Labor at Tobacco Warehouse, one hundred dollars,	100 00
5. For Salaries of the Superintendents of Independence, Spring Garden, Kensington, Germantown, West Philadelphia and Moyamensing Halls, City Law Buildings, and Janitors of Grand and Petit Jury Rooms, thirty-one hundred and forty dollars,	3,140 00
6. For Salaries of House Cleaners, and general incidental expenses of the Department, five hundred dollars,	500 00
7. For Salaries of the Watchmen and Superintendent of the State House and Public Offices, Wire Bridge and State House Steeple, five thousand dollars,	5000 00
8. For Salaries of Superintendents of Franklin, Independence, Washington, Rittenhouse, Penn, Logan, and Jefferson Squares, and Assistant Superintendents of Franklin, Independence, and Washington Squares, and Superintendent of City Burial Ground, five thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars,	5,780 00
9. For improvement of Fairmount Park, three thousand five hundred dollars,	3,500 00
10. For improvement of Norris Square, two thousand dollars,	2000 00
11. For improvement of Hunting Park, and Salary of Superintendent, four thousand dollars,	4000 00
12. For Salaries of Keepers and Regulators of Public Clocks, five hundred dollars,	500 00

13. For Rent of Office, and City Law Building, six thousand five hundred dollars,	\$6,500 00
14. For Cleaning and Repairing Public Clocks, two hundred dollars,	200 00
15. For State Taxes, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
16. For Repairs and Improvements to City Pro- perty, four thousand dollars,	4000 00
17. For Ground Rent and Interest on Mortgages, ten thousand five hundred and fifty-one dol- lars and three cents,	10,551 03
18. For Curbing and Paving, one thousand dollars,	1000 00
19. For Insurance, fifteen dollars,	15 00
20. For Repairs, Cleansing, and Supplies, other than Books and Stationery, to the Court Houses and Law Buildings, four thousand dollars,	4000 00
21. For Fuel for Law Building, Court Rooms, and Offices, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
22. For labor and other expenses at the public squares, four thousand dollars,	4000 00
23. For Repairing Wire Bridge, and incidental ex- penses, one thousand dollars,	1000 00
24. For expenses of Gas in lighting Halls, Squares, &c., two thousand dollars,	2000 00
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	\$64,246 03

*Outstanding debts of Department of City Property, for which
no appropriations have been made for 1857.*

City Gas Co.,	\$751 12
Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Co.,	183 00
Kensington Gas Co.,	56 43
Germantown Gas Co.,	221 55

Total,	<hr/> \$1212 10
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Estimate of Revenue of Department of City Property for 1858.

City Rental,	\$11,875 00
Ground Rents,	7036 16
Ground Rents, Guardians of Poor,	647 56
Interest on Mortgages,	339 00
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	\$19,897 72

ESTIMATES OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 PHILADELPHIA, OCT. 31, 1857. }

STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.,
City Controller,

SIR:—The following estimate of the expenses of this Department for the year 1858, and account of bills due and payable on the first day of January 1858 (acct. of 1856), is respectfully submitted for your approval.

Respectfully yours, &c.,
 WM. ENGLISH,
Chief Clerk.

Estimates.

1. Salaries of Controller and Chief Clerk,	\$3,700 00
2. " " Assistant Clerks and Messenger,	7,700 00
3. Books and Stationery,	500 00
4. Printing Annual Statement (3 newspapers),	2000 00
5. Cleaning and care of office,	200 00
6. Advertising and Miscellaneous,	250 00

Total, \$14,350 00

To pay bill of Heisler & Steever for Ice furnished on joint account, to offices of City Controller and Commissioner of City Property, for the year 1856, \$29 43

Approved,
 S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

ESTIMATES OF THE CITY TREASURER.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
 PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 4, 1857. }

TO STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.,
City Controller,

DEAR SIR:—I present the following estimate for this Department, in reply to your circular of the 20th inst.

1858.

Salary of the City Treasurer,	\$2,500 00
Salaries of permanent Clerks' and Officers,	4,250 00
Temporary Clerk Hire,	1,200 00
Books, Printing, Stationery,	1,650 00
Advertising,	150 00
For Fuel for office, and other expenses,	700 00
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	\$10,450 00

Interest on the Funded Debt,	1,180,000 00
Two Six per cent. Loans,	171,028 26--1,351,028 26

Sinking Funds.

Sinking Fund of \$10,000,000,	100,000 00
“ “ N. W. R. R.,	7,800 00
“ “ S. & E. R. R.,	12,600 00
“ “ certain obligations,	969 00
“ “ the Gas Works,	9000 00
“ “ \$800,000 Loan,	9,600 00
“ “ 1,000,000 “ 12,000	
2 Quart. Payments due for 1856,	6,000 18,000 00
Sinking Fund of Road Damages on certificates of Loan issued and to be issued, amounting to \$100,000,	1,00 000 158,969 00
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	\$1,520,447 26

Receipts.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company dividend on \$5,000,000 of Stocks in said Company, [doubtful],	300,000 00
Philadelphia Gas Works,	66,000 00
Pawnbrokers' Licences,	2,500 00
Fruit Licences,	200 00
Fines, Penalties,	2,500 00
Gunpowder Licenses,	300 00
Dividends on Plank Road and Moyamensing Gas Stock,	300 00
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	\$371,800 00

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WM. V. McGRATH, *City Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4, 1857.

Per S. SHAFER.

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPLY OF WATER.

DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER. }
 PHILADELPHIA, OCT. 31, 1857. }

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq.,
City Controller,

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit the following estimates which will be required by this Department, for the year 1858.

1. For Salary of Chief Engineer,	\$2,500 00
2. " " Register,	1,800 00
3. " " General Clerk,	1000 00
4. " " Three Permit Clerks,	2,550 00
5. " " Four Inspectors,	2,400 00
6. " " Four Purveyors and one Messenger,	3,100 00
7. For Extra Clerk Hire,	500 00
8. For Salary of Two Engineers at Fairmount works,	1,600 00
9. For Salary of One Engineer at Fairmount works including house rent,	700 00
10. For Salary of Watchman at Fairmount works,	500 00
11. " " Two Engineers at Delaware works,	1,600 00
12. " " Five Firemen at Delaware works,	2,310 00
13. " " Two Watchmen at Delaware works,	1000 00
14. For Salary of Two Engineers at Schuylkill works,	1,400 00
15. For Salary of Two Assistants in Engine room at Schuylkill works,	900 00
16. For Salary of Ten firemen and two coal heavers at Schuylkill works,	5,400 00
17. For Salary of one Watchman at Schuylkill works,	500 00
18. For Salary of Two Engineers at twenty-fourth ward works,	1,600 00
19. For Salary of Two Firemen at twenty-fourth ward works,	900 00
20. For the purchase of Coal at Fairmount works,	350 00
21. For the purchase of Coal at Delaware works,	7,500 00
22. For the purchase of Coal at Schuylkill works,	14,400 00
23. For the purchase of Coal at the twenty-fourth ward works,	1,800 00
24. For the purchase of Wood at the several works,	1,200 00

25. For the purchase of Tallow and Oil for Schuylkill works, including Oil for lighting the works,	\$3000 00
26. For the purchase of Tallow and Oil for Delaware works, including Oil for lighting the works,	800 00
27. For the purchase of Tallow and Oil for Fairmount works, including Oil for lighting the works,	1,300 00
28. For the purchase of Tallow and Oil for twenty-fourth ward works,	400 00
29. For Repairs to Fairmount works, including labor, lumber, and other materials,	4000 00
30. For Repairs to Delaware works,	1,800 00
31. " " Schuylkill "	6000 00
32. " " twenty-fourth ward works,	700 00
33. For the purchase of Small stores for all the works,	1000 00
34. For the purchase of Gum and Hemp packing, for all the works,	1000 00
35. For the purchase of Lead, Brass castings, Iron pipes, Stop cocks, Stop cock castings, Fire plugs, Fire plug castings, and other materials connected with the laying of pipes, and setting of plugs, and to pay for labor, in fitting up Stop cocks and Fire plugs,	50,000 00
36. To pay for labor connected with the laying of pipes, and setting of plugs,	20,000 00
37. To pay for keeping the pipes, plugs, stops, &c., in good order, and for making new attachments,	14,000 00
38. To pay for State Tax on all the works,	500 00
39. To pay for Keeping the Buildings, Grounds, and Reservoirs in good order,	5000 00
40. To pay for Advertising, Printing, Stationery, Carriage hire, coal for offices, and assisting in making pipe-plans, and Incidentals,	4000 00
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	\$171,010 00

By transferring the balances of several Items of appropriation made to this Department, I think there will be sufficient to meet all demands for the present year. There are now in this office bills amounting to about \$300, contracted for in previous years, and no provision made for paying the same.

Annexed you will find a statement, from Wm. Bonsall, Register, as to the Revenue that may be expected for the year 1858, from this Department.

Yours Respectfully,
SAMUEL OGDIN,
Chief Engineer of Water Works.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF WATER RENTS, }
PHILADELPHIA, OCT. 31, 1857. }

SAMUEL OGDIN, ESQ.,

Chief Engineer of the Water Rents,

SIR: The estimated receipts of this Department for the year 1858 are as follows,

Annual Water Rents,	403,000 00
Penalties,	7000 00
Fractional Water Rents,	25,000 00
Delinquents of 1857,	3000 00
Water Pipes,	40,000 00

\$478,000 00

As you are aware the estimate of the receipts for water pipes, is mere supposition. The amount to be received from this source, is dependent upon the amount appropriated for this service, and is liable to considerable reductions, a large amount of the properties in front of which water pipes are laid, being returned to the City Solicitor for lien, and the sums due being collected by that officer.

Very respectfully yours,
WM. BONSALE,
Register.

ESTIMATES OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES.

OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, }
November 2, 1857. }

TO STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.

SIR:—I respectfully submit the following items, for which an appropriation will be required for this Department the ensuing year.

Salary of the Receiver of Taxes,	\$2,500 00
“ Chief Clerk,	1000 00

Salary of 4 Receiving, 1 Register, and 1 Search Clerk,	\$5,600 00
“ 8 additional Receiving Clerks,	6,800 00
Blank Books and Stationery,	500 00
Printing Bills. Notices, and Advertising,	1000 00
Advertising names of delinquent Tax payers,	4000 00
Sweeping and Washing upper and lower offices, and making fires,	150 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	250 00
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	\$21,800 00

Very Respectfully,
PETER ARMBRUSTER,
Receiver of Taxes.

ESTIMATE OF DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS.

General Office.

1. Salaries, Chief Engineer and Surveyor, Recording Clerk, Draughtsman, and Messenger, 5100 00
2. Stationery, 250 00
3. Record Books and Blanks, 150 00
4. Advertising, Carriage Hire, and Incidentals, 650 00—6150 00
5. Salaries for twelve District Surveyors and regulators, at \$500 per annum, 6000 00

First Survey District.

6. For the Survey and Grade Regulations of the South-Western portion of the late District of Moya-mensing, as authorized by Act of Assembly, approved March 29th, 1850, 800 00
7. For continuation of the Survey of the late Township of Passyunk, as directed by Act of Assembly, and Supplement, March 29, 1850, and April 18, 1853, 600 00—1400 00

Second Survey District.

8. For continuation of the Survey of the late Township of Passyunk, as directed by Act of Assembly, March 29, 1850, and Supplement, April 18, 1853, 1,500 00

Eighth Survey District.

9. For Grade Regulations south of Erie Avenue, as directed by Ordinance, approved August 15, 1855, 500 00
10. For Adjustment of lines of Second Division of Twenty-first Ward, to correspond with the Plotting of the late Borough of Germantown, approved April 17, 1856, 300 00
11. For Revision of Grades in Manayunk, in accordance with Resolution, approved November 6, 1856, 1500 00—2300 00

Ninth Survey District.

12. For Re-survey and adjustment of Grades in the 22d Ward, late Borough of Germantown, as directed by Resolution of Councils, approved April 17, 1856, 800
13. For Survey and Grade Regulations of a portion of the Twenty-Second Ward [Chestnut Hill], as directed by a Resolution of Councils, approved April 28th, 1857. 800 00—1600 00

Tenth Survey District.

14. For Arranging Street lines and Curb Heights in Frankford, Bridesburg, and Whitehall, as directed by Ordinance, approved August 15, 1855, 600 00
15. For Grade Regulations north of Lehigh Avenue, south of Erie Avenue, and between Frankford and Germantown Turnpike roads, 1500 00—2100 00

Eleventh Survey District.

16. For the arrangement of Grades upon City Avenue, as directed by resolution of Councils, approved May 4th, 1857, 300 00
17. For Plans and Grade Regulations of a portion of the late Township of Blockley, as directed by Acts of Assembly, April 3d, 1851, and May 13, 1857, under contract made by the late Commissioners of Blockley with Samuel L. Smedley, Nov. 12, 1856, and as directed by Resolution of Councils, approved June 3, 1857, 2,500 00
18. For Plans of a portion of the late Township of Blockley, authorized by Acts of Assembly, approved April 3, 1851, and May 13, 1857, under contract made by the late Commissioners of Blockley with Messrs. Lightfoot & Walton, Nov. 12, 1856, 2,500 00—5,300 00

Twelfth Survey District.

19. For Plan and Grade Regulations of the unsurveyed portion of the late District of West Philadelphia and the Township of Blockley adjoining, as directed by Resolution of Councils, approved May 4, 1857. 300 00
20. For Plan and Grade Regulations of the late Township of Kingsessing, as directed by Resolution of Councils, approved May 4, 1857, 2,500 00
21. For Plan and Grade Regulations of a portion of the late Township of Blockley, as directed by Acts of Assembly, April 3, 1851, and May 13, 1857, 1,500 00—4,300 00

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| 22. For Landmarks (corner stones), | |
| 23. For work that may be ordered by
Councils during the year 1858, | 7,000 00 |
| 24. For information relating to Drainage,
and the location, size, and state
of Culverts, | 500 00 |

For the following amounts due for work done by Township Commissioners, under Acts of Assembly, prior to, and during 1857.

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| 25. For work done by the Commissioners
of the late Township of Passyunk,
as authorized by Act of Assembly
March 29, 1850, and Supplement
of April 13, 1853, during 1854
and 1857 | 1,564 30 |
| 26. For work done by the Commissioners
of the late Township of Blockley,
in accordance with Acts of As-
sembly April 3, 1851, and May
13, 1856, during the year 1857,
by Sam'l L. Smedley, \$2,000 00
by Lightfoot & Walton,
in 1856, 990 00
by Lightfoot & Walton,
in 1857, 200 00—3,190 00 | |
| 27. For Eli K. Price, Esq., professional
services as Solicitor of the Com-
missioners late Township Block-
ley, \$50 00
Advertising Plans Nos. 4
& 6, of Blockley, 34 93
balance due on account of
professional services
paid August 25, 1856, 7 24—92 17—3,282 17 | |
| | <hr/> \$42,996 47 |

ESTIMATES OF CITY SOLICITOR.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
 PHILADELPHIA, OCT. 28, 1857. }

STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.,
City Controller,

Sir: In accordance with the twenty-third Section of the Act of May 13th, 1856, I send you an estimate of the appropriations required by the Law Department, for the year 1858.

1. For Salaries, Seven thousand four hundred dol's	7,400 00
2. For Advertising liens, Two thousand dollars,	2000 00
3. For Prothonotarie's Costs, Two thousand dollars,	2000 00
4. For Sheriff's Costs, Four thousand dollars,	4000 00
5. For Blanks, Books and Stationery, Three hundred dollars,	300 00
6. For Printing, Two hundred dollars,	200 00
7. For Service of Supœnas, One hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
8. For witness fees, and certified copies of papers and plans, Two hundred dollars,	200 00
9. For care of office, One hundred dollars,	100 00
10. For Miscellaneous expenses, Two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
11. For advertising and posting notices of plans, surveys, and incidental expenses, Three hundred dollars,	300 00
12. For Law books, for the Department, Fifty dol's	50 00
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	\$1,695 00

If Councils pass the ordinance, providing for an additional Clerk in this Department to copy unpaid registered taxes, so that suits could be commenced on them the estimates of the second, third and fourth items would be increased.

The revenue which may be expected from the Department during the year 1858, will probably be thirty thousand dollars, and will be derived from liens for curbing paving, water pipe, removing nuisances, &c.

There will be no debts due and chargeable against this Department, on the first day of January next for the expenses of the present fiscal year, or for debts contracted prior thereto.

Very Respectfully,
 WM. A. PORTER,

(Copy.)

City Solicitor.

ESTIMATES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF }
 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. }

STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.,
City Controller,

SIR:—The following amounts will be required for this Department for the ensuing year:

For Salary of Chief Engineer,	\$1,200 00
“ “ 5 Division Engineers at \$400 each,	2,000 00
“ “ Secretary of Fire Department,	800 00
For Office expenses, gas, printing, stationery, advertising, postage, and cleaning office,	200 00
For Rent of Office,	200 00
For Expenses of Board of Directors, printing, stationery, advertising, postage, and for taking care of room,	200 00
For Appropriation to 66 Fire Companies at \$400 each,	26,400 00
“ “ 18 “ “ 300 each,	5,400 00
“ “ 3 “ “ 200 each,	600 00
For Carriage Hire for visiting Fire Companies,	200 00
[The Department is now so large that it will take not less than 5 days for the visit.]	
For 2 Alarm Bells, one for the 4th and one for the 7th District, each to weigh 1000 pounds a piece at 35 cents a pound,	700 00
For Rigging and putting them up,	150 00
For back appropriation to Spring Garden Hose Company, from January 1, 1854 to April 1, 1855, at \$300 per year,	375 00
For back appropriation to Lafayette Hose Company, from January 1, 1854, to April 1, 1855, at \$300 per year,	375 00
For back appropriation to Independence Hose Company, from July 1, 1854, to April 1, 1855, at \$300 per year,	225 00

For back appropriation to Moyamensing Hose Company, from January 1, 1855, to April 1, 1855, at \$300 per year,	75 00
For back appropriation to Kensington Hose Company, from June 1, 1854, to April 1, 1855, at \$300 per year,	250 00
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	\$39,350 00

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer.

Nov. 7, 1857.

ESTIMATES OF CLERKS OF COUNCILS.

CLERKS' OFFICE,
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 2, 1857. }

TO STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.,

City Controller,

DEAR SIR:—We herewith submit an Estimate of the amount of appropriation required for the Department of Clerks of Councils, for payment of the Expenses of Councils, and Expenses of Committees for 1858, as follows:

1. For Salaries of Clerks, Assistant Clerks, Messengers, and Door Keeper,	\$6,620 00
2. For Printing Journals, Ordinances, and Miscellaneous Printing,	9,500 00
3. For Binding Journals, Ordinances, &c.	2,600 00
4. For Advertising Ordinances, &c.,	6,000 00
5. For Stationery and Blank Books,	1,500 00
6. For Recording Ordinances,	1,000 00
7. For Carriage Hire for the use of the Committees of Councils,	800 00
8. For Incidental Expenses, Cleaning Rooms, &c.,	1,300 00
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Total [twenty-nine thousand three hundred and twenty dollars],	\$29,320 00

Very respectfully, &c.,

H. G. LEISENRING,

Clerk of Select Council.

JNO. D. MILES,

Clerk of Common Council.

ESTIMATES OF THE EXPENSES OF THE PHILADELPHIA
COUNTY PRISON FOR THE YEAR 1858.

1. Flour and Corn Meal.		
1500 bbls. Flour, at \$6.50,	\$9,750 00	
	122 50—	\$9,872 50
2. Beef, Mutton and Pork.		
120,000 lbs. of Beef at 5.50,	6,600 00	
27,000 " Mutton 5.50,	1,485 00	
10,000 " Pork at 10c.,	1,000 00—	9,085 00
3. Groceries.		
12,000 lbs. of Sugar, at 10c.	1,200 00	
25,000 " Rice, " 5½c.	1,375 00	
2,500 glls. Molasses " 40c.	1,000 00	
6,000 lbs. of Coffee " 12c.	720 00	
2,000 " Tea " 40c.	800 00	
300 glls. Vinegar " 8c.	24 00	
Oat Meal, Pepper &c.,	100 00	
50 sacks of Salt, at \$2,	100 00—	5,319 00
4. 300 glls. Oil, at \$1,	300 00	
200 bbls. Soft Soap, at \$2,	400 00	
5,000 lbs. Hard " " 5c.,	250 00—	950 00
5. 1,300 bush. Potatoes, at 90c.	1,170 00	
Vegetables,	300 00—	1,470 00
6. Drugs and Medicines,		800 00
7. Hay, Feed and Straw,		450 00
8. Omnibus Tickets,		150 00
9. Stationery and printing, in- cluding the annual report		600 00
10. Brushes, brooms, and combs.	200 00	
Hardware,	300 00—	500 00
11. Tobacco for prisoners,		200 00
12. Ice,	200 00	
Milk,	150 00—	350 00
13. Hops, malt, lime and buckets		200 00
14. Discharged prisoners (as per Act of Assembly),		250 00
15. Water rent,		514 00
16. Hospital,		500 00
17. Over-work of prisoners,		1500 00

18. Miscellaneous, as follows :		
Roasting coffee, shoeing		
horses, mending carriages		
—burying the dead, hauling		
out dirt, household		
furniture, postage, sand,		
garden seeds, harness, &c.		1000 00
19. Fuel.		
800 tons coal, at \$5,	4000 00	
20 cords wood, at \$5,	100 00	
Charcoal,	150 00	—4250 00
20. Clothing and Bedding Account.		
800 pair blankets, at \$2.25,	1800 00	
3000 yards muslin, at 10c.	300 00	
1000 yards flannel, at 31c.	310 00	
Second-hand clothing,	200 00	
60 dozen pair stockings, at		
\$3.50,	270 00	
500 pair of shoes for prisoners,		
at \$1.25,	625 00	—3505 00
21. Lumber, brass cocks, lead		
pipe, tin, paints, glass,		
iron, copper, and repairs		
generally,		2000 00
22. Gas,		900 00
23 to 39, inclusive. Salaries, as		
per schedule annexed,		20,300 00
40. Salary of Keeper of Debtors' Apartment,		
	700 00	
41. Fuel for Debtors' Apartm't	200 00	
42. Gas for Debtors' Apartm't	100 00	
43. Supplies and subsistence for Debtors' Apartment,		
	850 00	
44. Repairs for Debtors' Apartment,		
	50 00	—1900 00
Total,		<hr/> \$66,565 50

SCHEDULE.

Salaries of Officers and Keepers.

23.	W. B. Perkins, Superint'nt,	\$1,500	00
24.	John Muckle, Deputy Sup't,	1,000	00
25.	J. K. Howell, Clerk,	1,000	00
26.	H. Y. Smith, Physician,	800	00
27.	H. M. Klapp, Apothecary,	700	00
28.	W. Sharp, Superintendent of the Shoe Depu't,	800	00
29.	J. Achuff, Keeper of do.,	700	00
30.	H. Perkins, Gate Keeper, North Side,	700	00
	W. H. Grubb, do. South S.,	700	00—1,400
31.	Chas. Vanzandt, Keeper, South Side,	700	00
	C. Harmstead, Keeper, South Side,	700	00
	W. Dougherty, Keeper, South Side,	700	00
	J. Little, Keeper, South Side,	700	00
	J. Stewart, Keeper, North Side,	700	00
	P. Cassady, Keeper, North Side,	700	00
	J. H. Campbell, Keeper, North Side,	700	00
	A. Sargent, Keeper, North Side,	700	00
		5,600	00
32.	H. C. Snyder, Superintend't Cotton Factory,	800	00
33.	H. Lyons, Baker,	500	00
34.	S. Foote, Cook,	500	00
35.	J. Taylor, Watchman, South Side,	500	00
	Wm. Monnell, Watchman, South Side,	500	00
	J. Benson, Watchman, North Side,	500	00

J. McMennamin, Watchm'n		
North Side,	500 00	
W. W. Brick, Watchman		
Female Side,	500 00	2,500 00
36. J. H. Baen, Messenger and		
Fireman,		700 00
37. E. L. Klapp, Matron,		450 00
38. A. G. Ryan, Ass't Matron,		450 00
39. Wm. J. Mullen, Prison Agt.		900 00
Total Amount,		\$20,300 00

ESTIMATES FOR CITY ICE BOAT.

Estimate of Appropriation needed by the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year 1858.

For repairs to boat and machinery,	\$3000 00
For fuel,	5000 00
For wages,	3000 00
For provisions,	850 00
For beds and bedding,	125 00
For fire insurance, wharfage, stationery and incidental expenses,	500 00
\$12,475 00	

The only source from which revenue can be derived is from towage of vessels, and this depends entirely upon the length and severity of the winter. Taking the average of the receipts for the last ten years as the basis of an estimate for 1858, it would be \$6,334.00.

The Board do not expect to have any debts chargeable and due by them on the 1st of January, 1858.

By order of the Board of Trustees:

SAM'L WILCOX, *Clerk.*

Philadelphia, Nov. 5, 1857.

ESTIMATES OF COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUNDS.

 PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9, 1857.

 STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq.,
City Controller.

SIR:—In obedience to the directions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Funds, I herewith present an estimate of the amount required to meet the provisions of the various Ordinances creating the several Sinking Funds, to wit:

Sinking Funds of—

City Debt of \$10,000,000—	100,000
Loan of \$1,000,000	12,000
and two quarterly appropriations, due Jan. 1st & April 1st, 1856,	6,000—18,000
Loan of \$300,000,	9,600
Philadelphia Gas Works,	9,000
North Western Rail Road,	7,800
Sunbury & Erie “ “	12,600
Certain Obligations,	969
Road Damagas &c., Certificates Issued and to be Issued, amounting to \$100,000,	1,000
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	\$158,969

And,

For Salary of Secretary to the Commissioners,	100
For Stationery,	10
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	\$159,079

Respectfully yours,

 WM. ENGLISH,
Secretary Com. Sinking Funds.

APPENDIX No. 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that among the subscriptions to the stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company were two made by the Districts of the Northern Liberties and Spring Garden—each for ten thousand shares; amounting in the aggregate to one million dollars; to pay for which the obligations of these Districts were issued in the shape of Coupon Bonds, bearing an interest of six per cent. per annum, payable half yearly. For convenience, or from some other motive which your Committee have not ascertained, the interest on these bonds was made payable—not at the Treasury of these Districts, but at the office of the Railroad Company, and on the 15th days of November and May, the days on which the Railroad Company was in the habit of paying the dividends on its stock and interest on its loans.

Before the completion of the road and its declaring dividends, the interest due to the bond-holders was exactly equal to that paid by the Company to those who had taken its stock; and they were in the habit, under the provisions of the ordinances of these Districts, of paying the holders of these coupons and of returning the coupons to the Districts, as so much cash; in other words, the Railroad Company acted as the agent of the Districts, for the payment of the interest on their bonds.

Shortly after consolidation, the Pennsylvania Rail Road was declared completed, and began to make dividends, of which it has up to this time made three, of four per cent. each, for the half year. Three per cent. of these four, in the case of these bonds of the Northern Liberties and Spring Garden, were paid to the coupon-holders, and the remaining one per cent.

was paid over, together with the dividend on the stock owned by the old City, to the City Treasurer.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company having failed to make a dividend at this time, the fund out of which the holders of these bonds have always heretofore been paid, fails, and they call upon the Consolidated City to make good the obligations of the Districts, now two of its component parts.

The obligation of the Districts, had they continued unconsolidated, would have been too clear to require any argument, and that the Consolidated City has succeeded to all the obligations of the Districts, is to your Committee equally clear.

As, then, your Committee think the duty of the City to provide for the payment of this interest is as incumbent as for that upon any other of its loans, they submit the annexed ordinance, and ask that it be adopted.

W. HAYWARD DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
R. McCAY, JR.,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
ALFRED DAY.

Nov. 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on certain Bonds.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the interest due on the bonds issued respectively by the late Districts of the Northern Liberties and Spring Garden, in payment of their respective subscriptions to the stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said interest shall be drawn by the City Treasurer, in accordance with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 3.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Select Committee, to whom was referred a resolution containing the draft of an Act of Assembly, relative to taxation, within the City of Philadelphia, report :

That they recommend to Councils to make application to the next Legislature, for such legislation, as is suggested in the resolution herewith reported.

In examining the proposed Act, your Committee endeavored to be governed by its spirit and manifest object, which is to compel each member of our community to bear a part of the burden of the municipal government, proportionate to his ability. To attain that end, Council should have the power of taxing every description of estate, and of obtaining, as far as possible, an equal and just valuation thereof.

It was not thought judicious, at this time, to make any change with regard to the assessors, and the Act herewith reported proposes none.

The first section of the Act, as reported, provides for the payment by the City, yearly, to the State, an ascertained sum, which shall be received as a full equivalent for the tax now imposed within said City upon real and personal property, salaries and emoluments of office, and trades, occupations and professions ; the price of licences and commissions, and collateral inheritance, not to be included in that sum, but to be paid to the State as heretofore ; and this for two reasons : first, because the method adopted by the State, of classifying venders of merchandise, is as equitable an one as would in all probability be established by Councils ; but more especially for the reason, that it is not necessary in securing the main advantage to be gained by commuting with the State.

The State tax is based upon the valuation made by Ward and Township Assessors; this has led them into a practice of rating taxable property below its fair value, so that the burden of State taxation may rest as lightly as possible upon their particular cities or counties. This custom of assessment has necessarily resulted in great inequality in the valuation of property; for, when an assessor is not governed by the actual value of the property, he is without a standard by which to assess it; therefore the valuation of property in the various wards of the same City differs, as does the honesty of intention, and the discretion of their respective assessors. The inflexible rule should be, to value property at its full and fair cash value. But with the present manner of levying State tax, if we should conform to such a rule, we would pay much more than our just proportion of the State expenses. The design, then, of this section is, to enable us, by having a fixed standard of valuation, fairly and equally to value property which is to be taxed, and to have but one tax levied in the City, the rate of which to be fixed, and the taxable property designated by Councils.

It is difficult to fix an amount to be paid in lieu of the sum now raised by taxation, which will be fair to the City and just to the State. Your Committee have been governed by the receipts of the past year, making an allowance for the difference between the rate of last year and that of next year. The amount of the State tax of 1856, collected up to this time, is \$452,132 72. The rate last year was 30 cts. upon the \$100, which has been reduced to 25 cts. on the \$100; but this reduction is not made upon taxes levied for this year.

The valuation of the real estate of the City of Philadelphia, subject to taxation, is \$145,095,886 00.

Two and a half mills on the dollar on the same will produce \$362,739 71.

The State tax levied on the personal property mentioned in said first section, amounts to \$71,196 44.

Making the whole amount of State tax of the City

of Philadelphia, at the rate of two and a half mills on the dollar, \$433,936 15.

The amount to be paid the State, as proposed by this bill, \$400,000 00.

Leaving, as an allowance for uncollectable taxes, &c., \$33,936 15.

At this time the uncollected State tax of 1856, is over \$53,000. How much of that amount will yet be collected, your Committee are unable to say.

Councils have now before them the information by which the Committee were governed in fixing the sum they herewith report, by which they can judge of its correctness and justness.

The second section of the bill, as reported, containing the most comprehensive and general terms, will give to the City government the largest power of taxation; by virtue of which every conceivable right or estate can be made the subject of taxation. It also gives to Councils the power to prescribe the method by which everything taxable shall be valued, and the taxes thereon collected. This section does not give greater power than a municipal government should possess; nor does it interfere with any right or prerogative of the State government. As our citizens make and change the municipal government, this section but gives them the control of their own affairs.

It is unnecessary to discuss in this report the propriety of taxing personal estate; the proposed law only gives the right, but does not compel it. The last section of the bill gives the City government the power of assessing a poll tax upon every taxable inhabitant, not exceeding one dollar a year. The object in designating it as a State and County tax is to compel, under the penalty of deprivation of the right of an elector, the payment of at least one dollar in two years towards the support of the government. It would seem just that every voter should pay a personal tax each year, to entitle him to vote; but the Constitution of the State gives him that right, upon the payment of a State or County tax within two years.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

HENRY T. KING, *Chairman*,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ANDREW MILLER.

Nov. 25, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That they hereby make application to the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania for the following further legislation relative to taxation within the City of Philadelphia, viz. :

AN ACT

Relative to Taxation within the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia shall pay, on or before the first day of July, 1859, and in each year thereafter, into the Treasury of the State, the sum of four thousand dollars, which said sum when paid shall be a full equivalent for the State tax imposed upon real and personal estate within said City, by the thirty-second and thirty-fourth sections of the act of 29th April, 1844, entitled "An Act to reduce the State debt, and to incorporate the Pennsylvania Canal and Railroad Company," and reduced to two and a half mills on the dollar by the 86th section of the act of 18th May, 1857, entitled "An Act to provide for the ordinary expenses of government, the repair of public canals and railroads, and the general and special appropriations."

SECT. 2. That the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia shall have full power, and they are hereby authorized to tax, within the limits of the said City, all rights, interests, estates and things, be they corporeal or incorporeal, real, personal, or

mixed, which are not specially exempt from taxation for City purposes by the laws of this State, and to prescribe the manner and method in and by which the same shall be valued, and the tax thereon assessed, levied and raised.

SECT. 3. The said City Councils shall have power to levy a poll tax upon every taxable inhabitant of the said City, to be designated a State and County tax, which must be paid within two years to entitle him to enjoy the right of an elector; *Provided*, the whole of said poll tax assessed in one year, upon any inhabitant, shall not exceed one dollar.

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils shall send a copy of the above to each branch of the State Legislature.

APPENDIX No. 4.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report transmitting the estimates of the Departments for the year 1858, respectfully return the same and ask their reference to the following Committees, with a request that the various Committees will report at the earliest possible moment:—

Estimates of City Commissioners, City Controller, City Treasurer, Receiver of Taxes, City Solicitor, Commissioners of Sinking Funds, City Ice Boat, Clerks of Councils, House of Refuge, Northern Home for Friendless Children, to the Committee on Finance;

Estimate of expenses of the Philadelphia County Prison, to the Committee on Prisons;

Estimate of expenses of the Fire Department, to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department ;

Estimate of expenses of the Survey Department, to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations ;

Estimate of expenses of the Department for Supplying the City with Water, to the Committee on Water Works ;

Estimate of expenses of the Commissioner of City Property, to the Committee on City Property.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. HAYWARD DRAYTON, *Chairman*,

I. N. MARSELIS,

ALFRED DAY,

JOHN F. MASCHER,

R. McCAY, JR.,

D. S. BEIDEMAN,

ALGN. S. ROBERTS,

GEO. WILLIAMS,

Nov. 25, 1857.

ANDREW J. HOLMAN.

APPENDIX No. 5.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have inquired into the propriety of certain transfers of appropriation asked for by the Inspectors of the County Prison, and recommend that the annexed resolution, making the transfers, be adopted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,

JOSEPH TAYLOR,

D. S. BEIDEMAN,

R. McCAY, JR.,

JOHN F. MASCHER,

A. J. HOLMAN,

Nov. 25, 1857.

ALFRED DAY.

RESOLUTION

To change certain Items of Appropriation for 1857 to the Inspectors of the County Prison.

Resolved, That so much of the appropriation as was made to the Inspectors of the Prison on the fourteenth day of March last, as shall amount to five hundred and sixty dollars, be transferred as follows :

From item 42, Fuel, to item 43, Gas, the sum of thirty dollars.

From item 20, Clothing and Bedding, to item 10, Brushes and Hardware, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

From item 20, Clothing and Bedding, to item 16, Hospital, the sum of thirty dollars.

From item 36, Salary of Messenger, to item 37, Salary of Fireman, the sum of fifty dollars.

From item 3, for Sugar, Rice, Molasses, &c., to item 17, Over-work of Prisoners, the sum of two hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 6.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have inquired into the sufficiency of the sureties of the Supervisors recently appointed by his Honor, the Mayor, and of the Chief Commissioner and two Assistant Commissioners of Highways, and of the License Clerk in the Department of Highways, and offer the following resolution.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
ALFRED DAY,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
R. McCAY, JR.

Nov. 25, 1857.

RESOLUTION

Approving of the sureties of certain Supervisors, and of the Chief and other Commissioners of Highways, and of the License Clerk in the Department of Highways.

Resolved, That Wm. N. King and Edward Bonsall, sureties of John Layer; Thomas Corgee and William M. Reilly, sureties of John Hassan; Thomas Dailey and William Lowery, sureties of Thomas Farley; James McFellan and Charles McDonough, sureties of P. McDonough; John C. Kirkpatrick and Daniel A. Kelley, sureties of John Kelsh; J. A. Phillips and Robert Carr, sureties of George Snyder; John Henderson and William Denney, sureties of James Elliott; John Ascough and John Myers, sureties of William Boileau; John Gravel and John Keller, sureties of William H. Boyer; Dennis Sweeny and William Sweeny, sureties of Thomas Leaney; Christian Schnitzell and Lewis Bechtler, sureties of George Den; Adam Richard and Edward H. Thomas, sureties of James Retterson; J. Gordan and Peter Smith, sureties of P. O'Bourke; Andrew Steip and James Mountain, sureties of Charles Justus; Lawrence Cummings and M. Barry, sureties of P. McEntee; John Mooney and Andrew McDonald, sureties of P. Burns; Henry Rool, Sr., and Charles B. Righter, sureties of M. Righter; John Roberts and James H. Parke, sureties of John Felten; Jesse Hinkle and William Hergisheimer, sureties of P. B. Hinkle; Thomas D. Greves and Isaiah Ottinger, sureties of William Engard; R. L. Wright and William McCormick, sureties of J. Rigler; William H. Boileau and Adolphus Yerkes, sureties of William Yonker; Isaac Leech, Jr., and Henry S. Urian, sureties of James M. Urian; William Davis and William G. Ruhle, sureties of Silas Suplee; and Peter Hansell and William Hansell, sureties of Wilson J. Hansell, recently appointed Supervisors, be approved; and that Thomas Daley and William McGlenssey, sureties of John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, and Richard Simpson and Jesse T. Vogdes, sureties of Thomas McCullough and Jacob Bockius, and Edward Williks, sureties of Emanuel Street, Commissioner of Highways, and John McGlen-

sey and Charles O'Neill, sureties of William McGlensey, License Clerk in the Department of Highways, be also approved ; and the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bonds, and have the same entered of record ; *Provided*, that there have been no further judgments against the parties offered as sureties by the Chief and other Commissioners of Highways, and by the License Clerk in the same Department, than existed when they last became sureties for the same officers.

APPENDIX No. 7.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the embarrassed condition of the City Treasury, and the means necessary for its immediate relief. They have, after great reluctance, been forced to the conclusion, that a small loan is the only remedy at this time to meet the deficiencies occasioned by the generally unsettled state of the monetary affairs in our City. In the estimates of receipts for the year 1857, as made by the Finance Committee, March 12, 1857, no embarrassments, such as the community are now passing through, were expected, and the taxes for the year 1857 were based upon the receipt from the Pennsylvania Rail Road Co., of \$170,000 ; this being the dividend on \$4,000,000, subscribed by the City, and also \$30,000, which had heretofore been paid directly by that Company to the loan-holders, as the interest upon \$1,000,000 subscribed by the late Districts of the Northern Liberties and Spring Garden, both of which amounts have now to be paid from the City Treasury, and will of course create an actual deficiency in the revenues of the City to that amount.

In addition to this, the estimate from the Inspectors of the County Prison, was \$7,500, and from the Water Department, \$471,000 ; the first has failed to make any payments to the Treasurer, and the latter, owing, as your Committee have reason to believe, to the stringency in the money market, has not been realized by some \$45,000, most of which is for laying water pipe.

These claims, in consequence of the Stay-Law, passed by the late Legislature of Pennsylvania, may not be realized to the City for nearly one year; they together make an aggregate of upwards of \$250,000 ; there have also been a number of old claims recovered against the City, which were not anticipated when the taxes were levied, which will increase this deficiency. Your Committee, in view of these facts, have deemed it proper to submit herewith an ordinance, to create a small loan for a short term of years, for the purpose of meeting this deficiency.

They would further add, that in consequence of the great monetary pressure, there are strong reasons for believing that a much larger amount of taxes than usual will lie over until the next year, and add still further to the difficulty in meeting promptly the indebtedness of the City.

While, therefore, they regret the necessity which has compelled them to recommend the remedy here suggested, they are nevertheless forced to the conclusion, that it is not only necessary, but the only means by which the unexpected deficiency can be met by the City.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
W. P. HACKER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
R. McCAY, JR.,
ALFRED DAY.

Nov. 25, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize a loan to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the Corporation.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia be, and he hereby is authorised to borrow at not less than par, on the credit of the City Corporation, from time to time, as may be required by the City Treasurer, such sums of money as may be necessary to pay claims against, and to defray expenses of the said Corporation, not exceeding in the whole the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, for which interest, not to exceed the rate of six per cent. per annum, shall be paid half yearly, on the first days of January and July, at the office of the City Treasurer; the principal of said loan shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the same, and not before, without the consent of the holders thereof, and certificates therefor, in the usual form of certificates of City loan, shall be issued in such amounts as the lenders may require; but not for any fractional part of one hundred dollars; or, if required, in amounts of five hundred or one thousand dollars, and it shall be expressed in said certificates that the said loan therein mentioned, and the interest thereof, are payable free from all taxes.

SECT. 2. Whenever any loan shall be made by virtue hereof, there shall be by force of this ordinance, annually appropriated out of the income of the corporate estates, and from the sum raised by taxation, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said certificates, and the further sum of three-tenths of one per centum on the par value of such certificates so issued, shall be appropriated quarterly, out of said income and taxes, to a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby specifically pledged for the redemption and payment of said certificates.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and required to publish in two daily newspapers of this City, daily for four weeks, the ordinance presented to the Common Council, at a stated meeting thereof, held on the

25th of November, 1857, entitled "An ordinance to authorize a Loan to pay claims against, and to defray the expenses of the Corporation ;" and the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils next after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to Councils one of each of the said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made.

APPENDIX No. 8.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., herewith report two resolutions ; one to grade Girard Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and the other to grade Clayton Street, in the Tenth Ward,—the adoption of which they respectfully recommend.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
JOHN F. DEAL,
JAS. BURNS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
J. K. GAMBLE,
CHAS. F. ISEMINER.

Nov. 25, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorise the grading of Girard Avenue and Clayton Street.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Highway Department is hereby authorized to proceed with and finish the grading of Girard Avenue, from the western end of the Bridge over the Schuylkill, westward to the

Merion Plank Road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward ; not regarding the regulated grades, but excavating and filling in only to a depth and breadth sufficient to make a good and available highway ; and to expend therein a sum not exceeding the balance of item fourteenth of the appropriations made to the Highway Department, by the ordinance approved March 16, A. D. 1857.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade Clayton Street, extending from Twentieth to Twenty-first Street, between Cherry and Race Streets, in the Tenth Ward, preparatory to the paving thereof.

APPENDIX No. 9.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Gas Works met, and, having considered the appropriations required for lighting, extinguishing and cleansing the public lamps, for the year 1858, submit the following :—

The Ordinance providing for lighting, extinguishing, cleansing, and repairing the public lamps, approved 16th February, 1856, requires the Trustees of the Gas Works to furnish to your Committee monthly statements of the number of public lamps in use ; also the introduction of all new lamps that may from time to time be erected. All of which have been strictly complied with by the Trustees. The number of lamps reported to be lighted for the year 1857, were 5525 ; the number of new lamps located by the Committee on Police to the present time, and directed by the Committee on Gas Works to be erected, were 197 ; the lamps changed from fluid to gas, were 34 ;

total number, 5,711, now lighted by gas. It is presumed that if the bill now before Common Council, for the purchase of the several Gas Works therein mentioned, becomes a law, a large increase of new lamps will be required. Your Committee, therefore, have estimated for five hundred new lamps to be lighted for the year 1858, and three hundred new lamps to be erected.

Your Committee, therefore, after a careful consideration and comparison of former years' appropriations, and the necessary increase of lamps in the present year, recommend the following, to wit:—

1. For furnishing gas, lighting, extinguishing and repairing the public lamps in use January 1st, 1858, being 5677, at \$38.40 each,	\$217,996 80
2. For new lamps, lighted during the year, say 500 lamps, at \$16.00,	8,000 00
3. For the erection of new lamps, say 300 lamps, at \$21.00,	6,300 00
4. For altering fluid lamps to gas, 180, at \$7.00,	1,260 00
5. For repairs during the year,	2,443 20
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	\$236,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ALEXANDER, *Chairman*,
 J. K. GAMBLE,
 ALBERT B. ASHTON,
 WM. BRADFORD,
 JOHN BROMLEY,
 CHARLES VANHORN,
 WILSON KERR.

Nov. 25, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 10.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., upon various petitions referred to them, respectfully report herewith “Resolutions to authorize the paving of Fisher street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and for other purposes.”

The Committee have included a resolution construing a paragraph of the first of the resolutions to authorize the paving of Harrison street and Willow street, and for other purposes, approved September 10, 1857. Willow street, from Front to Second, is greatly in need of being paved, and the resolution now submitted authorizes the Highway Department to proceed with the paving, and charge the cost and expenses thereof to the Reading Railroad Company, as is authorized and directed by law.

The Committee have included a resolution passed by Select Council, a week or two since, to direct the opening of Ontario, Davis, and Stiles streets, in the Twentieth Ward. It is represented that the opening of these streets is necessary to the progress of improvements in the neighborhood, and that no damage can be awarded to any one, for the reason that opening them will be an advantage to the surrounding property, and the Committee have included it among the resolutions reported, to save the expense of a separate recording and advertising.—Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
JOHN F. DEAL,
CHAS. F. ISENINGER,
ALFRED CREASE,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
PETER FRAILEY,
ALBERT B. ASHTON,
JOHN K. GAMBLE.

Nov. 25, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorise the Paving of Fisher Street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and for other purposes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on Fisher Street, between Lehigh Avenue and the Reading Rail Road, in the Nineteenth Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same by means of a competent paver, to be approved by the Highway Department; *Provided*, that the water pipe shall be laid in the said street before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to notify the property owners on the north side of Cumberland Street, from Second to Clinton Street, and on the east side of Clinton Street, from Cumberland Street to the Public School House, in the Nineteenth Ward, to curb and pave the foot-ways in front of their respective properties. And also to notify the owners on both sides of Tenth Street, from Montgomery Street to the Germantown Road, in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards, to grade the foot-ways in front of their respective properties.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade Olney Road, in the Twenty-third Ward, so as to place the same in a passable condition, and to expend therein not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars. And also to grade Huntingdon Street, from a point east of the Gunner's Run Canal westward to Lemon Street; and Cedar Street, from Huntingdon Street southward, in the Nineteenth Ward, so as to protect the Culvert now in the course of construction therein.

Resolved, That the first of the resolutions, approved September 10, 1857, entitled "Resolutions to authorize the paving of Harrison Street and Willow Street, and for other purposes," shall be construed to authorize the Highway Department to proceed with and finish the paving of Willow Street from Front to Second Street, in the Eleventh Ward, and to charge the cost and expenses thereof to the Philadelphia, Reading

and Pottsville Rail Road Company, as is authorized by law.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to give notice to the owners of the ground through and over which Ontario street, from Girard avenue to Thompson street; Davis street, from Thirteenth street to Ontario street; and Stiles street, from Thirteenth street to Ontario street, will pass, that at the expiration of three months from the time of service of said notice, the said streets will be opened for public use, as authorized by the seventh section of the Act of Assembly, approved April 21st, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 11.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Police report, that they have had under consideration the subject of the Salaries of the Chief and Clerk of Police, and respectfully report the accompanying ordinance, and ask its adoption.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
WM. BRADFORD,
R. McCAY, JR.,
A. J. HOLMAN,
JOHN THOMPSON,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
WM. HORROCKS,
JOHN Q. GINNODO,
THEO. CUYLER.

Dec. 3, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To fix the Salary of the Chief of Police.

SECTION 1. It is ordained by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the

annual salary of the Chief of Police shall be Fifteen Hundred Dollars, payable monthly, to date from the sixth day of May, A. D. 1857.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the Mayor.

APPENDIX No. 12.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Police report, that they have had under consideration a resolution from Select Council, requiring your Committee to inquire whether any legislation by Councils is necessary to enforce the sale of bread by weight. We find that, by an Act of Assembly, passed April 1st, 1797, Sec. 11th, it is enacted that from and after the first of May, (in that year) all loaf bread, made for sale within this Commonwealth, shall be sold by the pound Avoirdupois, and if any baker or other person shall sell or offer for sale any loaf bread in any other manner, the contract respecting the same shall be void, and the person offending against the Act shall, on conviction, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for every such offence.

And it is made the special duty of the Clerks of Market to discover and prosecute all persons offending against the said Act.

It appears that the Act of Assembly has made it a crime to sell bread in any way but by the pound. If the citizens and the Clerks of Market would enforce the law, the people would be protected against the oppressive charges made by the bakers.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that under the present law, the City Government has no power to exact any ordinance regulating the sale of

bread. We recommend Councils to petition the Legislature to grant the City Government the authority to regulate the sale of bread within the City of Philadelphia.

We ask the adoption of the following resolutions.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
JOHN THOMPSON,
JOHN Q. GINNODO,
A. J. HOLMAN,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
WM. BRADFORD.

Dec. 3, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Commissioner of Markets divide the City into proper Market Districts.

Resolved, That the Clerks of the various Market Districts be, and they are hereby ordered to enforce the law regulating the sale of bread, and to proceed against all persons who violate the Acts of Assembly regulating the sale of loaf bread; and should any Clerk refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of this resolution, he shall be dismissed from the service of the City.

Resolved, That the Commissioner and all the Clerks of the Markets are required to enforce all the ordinances regulating the Markets, especially that prohibiting the practice of huckstering, by purchasing produce in the City and re-selling to consumers.

APPENDIX No. 13.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
PHILADELPHIA, November 25, 1857. }

JOHN MILLER, Esq., *President of Common Council*—

SIR:—I would respectfully call the attention of Councils to the condition of the following named

streets, that need repaving, and ask that Councils may order them to be done.

Yours truly,

J. McCARTHY,
Chief Commissioner of Highways.

WARDS.

1. Reed street, from Second to Fourth street ;
3. Swanson street, from Catharine to Queen ;
4. Shippen street, from Second to Third street ;
4. Monroe street, from Third to Fifth street ;
4. Spafford street, from Bedford to Fitzwater ;
4. Tenth street, from South to Shippen street ;
4. Pine alley, from Fourth street to Ball alley ;
5. Union street, from Second to Third street ;
7. Spruce street, from Seventeenth to Eighteenth ;
7. Tryon street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second ;
8. Lewis street, from Fifteenth to Seventeenth ;
8. Helmuth street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth ;
8. Orange street, from Seventh to Eighth ;
8. Twentieth street, from Chestnut to George ;
7. Fifteenth street, from Lombard to Pine ;
8. Sixteenth street, from Spruce to Pine ;
9. Chestnut street, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth ;
9. Thirteenth street, from Market to Chestnut ;
10. Eighth street, from Cherry to Race ;
9. Eighth street, from Arch to Filbert ;
9. Market street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth ;
14. Wood street, from Thirteenth to Broad ;
13. Franklin street, from Wood to Vine ;
14. Twelfth street, from Vine to Callowhill ;
14. Briton street, from Ridge Avenue to Eleventh ;
10. Vine street, from Broad to Sixteenth ;
14. Vine street, from Eighteenth to Twentieth ;
10. Vine street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-third ;
15. Landing street, from Coates to Kern's Bridge ;
15. Coates street, in the centre, where the Rail Road track has been taken up ;

WARDS.

5. Gaskill street, from Fourth to Fifth ;
12. Rawl street, from Fourth to Fifth ;
19. Germantown Road, from Oxford to Columbia ;
17. “ “ from Master to Jefferson ;
18. Queen street, from Morris, 500 feet southward ;
18. Franklin Avenue, from Wood to Ash ;
18. Shackamaxon street, from Queen to Allen ;
17. Columbia, from Second to Third ;
20. Tenth street, from Poplar to Master ;
20. Seventh street, from Master to Jefferson ;
20. Eleventh street, from Girard Avenue to Master ;
20. Poplar street, from Ninth to Tenth ;
20. Thirteenth street, from Girard Aven. to Poplar ;
4. Ball alley.

APPENDIX No. 14.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY CONTROLLER.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25, 1857. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
 of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith transmit the estimates of the receipts and expenses of the several departments, for the year 1858, which have been received at this office since the 19th inst.—the date of my last report on this subject—except one from the Board of Guardians of the Poor, which I find by the Appendix is already in possession of Councils.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

DEPARTMENTS, &c.	Total Receipts for 1858.	Total Expenses for 1858.	Bills due 1857 and previous.
Department of Highways,	24,550 00	390,700 00	
Depart't City Com'rs (supplementary)		1,350 00	
Department of Market Houses, . .	71,205 75	13,683 70	
Department of Wharves and Landings,	50,491 00	6,788 17	
Girard Estate and Trust,	263,974 98	110,849 99	
Superintendent of Trusts,	7,523 21	6,498 01	
Wills Hospital,	6,019 60	6,019 60	

ESTIMATES OF DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES AND
WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES, }
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21, 1857. }

TO STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.:

SIR:—I herewith submit to you an estimate of the receipts and expenses of this Department, for the ensuing year.

Wharves and Landings.

Amount of wharf rents to be collected, \$50,491 00

DR.

Cleansing docks,	\$2,500	
Repairing wharves,	2,000	
Do. do.	1,000	
Labor,	100	
Ground rents and taxes,	1,088 17	
Advertising,	100	6,788 17

Market Houses.

Amount of Market rents, as compared
with 1857, 71,205 75

DR.

Salary of Commissioner,	\$900	
“ “ Clerks,	4,350	
Repairs of Market Houses,	6,000	
Printing, books, advertising, stationery, and office expenses,	300	
State tax and ground rent,	1,833 70	
To pay gas bill Broad and Race streets Market,	300	13,683 70

The appropriation made last year for the Department of Wharves and Landings, will not be expended within \$5,000. The appropriation to Market Department will about reach the first of January. The appropriation to Wharves and Landings is much less than last year. The appropriation asked for the Market Department is larger, for the reason that there is a great deal of repaving required to the Markets.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM LAMB,
Commissioner of Market Houses.

ESTIMATES OF SUPERINTENDENT OF TRUSTS.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25, 1857.

S. TAYLOR, ESQ., *City Controller*,—

DEAR SIR:—Please find report of Trusts, as requested from

Your Obedient Servant,

CHARLES OAT,
Sup't of Trusts.

City Fuel Fund.

Nov. 23, 1857.	Balance on hand.	\$253 58
Jan. 1, 1858.	Six mo's int. on City Loan,	159 80
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		\$413 38

The above amount to be appropriated to the payment of fuel contracted for and to be delivered to the poor of the late City, in accordance with the directions of the donors and testators, during the winter of 1857 and 1858.

Spring Garden Fuel Fund.

Nov. 23, 1857.	Balance on hand,	6 91
Jan. 1, 1858.	Twelve mo's interest on	
	H. Warner's bond,	192 00
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		\$198 91

This amount to be appropriated to the payment of fuel, contracted for and to be delivered to the poor of the late district of Spring Garden, east of Broad street, during the winter of 1857 and 1858.

Girard Fuel Fund.

Nov. 23, 1857. Balance on hand,	\$66 43
Jan. 1, 1858. Interest on Schuylkill Navigation Loan,	578 30
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	\$644 73

This amount to be appropriated to the payment of fuel contracted for, and to be delivered to the poor of the late City, as directed by the testator, during the month of January, 1858.

John Scott's Legacy of \$4000 00.

Nov. 24, 1857. Balance on hand	325 69
Jan. 1, 1858. 6 months Interest on City Loan,	286 30
July 1, " 6 " " " "	286 30
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	\$898 29

To be appropriated of the above,

1. To pay Joseph Hufty for engraving medals in the years 1851, 1854, and 1855, 7 25
2. To pay for advertising by the Franklin Institute, 60 00
3. To invest in City Loan, being unemployed income, 600 00—\$667 25

John Scott's Legacy of \$3000 00.

Nov. 23, 1857. Balance on hand,	427 92
Jan. 1, 1858. 6 months Interest on City Loan,	166 10
July 1, " 6 " " " " "	166 10
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	\$760 12

To be appropriated of the above, to invest in City Loan, being unemployed income \$500 00

Dr. Benjamin Franklin's Legacy.

Nov. 23, 1857. Balance on hand,	1158 83
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Jan. 1, 1858.	6 months Interest on City Loan,	\$480 60
July 1, "	6 " "	480 60
" "	5 per ct. City Loan paid off	300 00

\$2420 03

To be appropriated of the above to invest in City Loan, being unemployed income and principal paid off,	2000 00
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Paul Beck's Legacy to Soup Societies.

Nov. 23, 1857. Balance on hand,	541 00
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To be appropriated of the above to pay in two equal parts, the Western Soup Soci- ety, and the Society for supplying the poor with Soup,	500 00
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Samuel Scottin's Legacy, for the distribution of bread.

Nov. 23, 1857. 12 mos. ground rent,	12 00
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To be appropriated to pay for bread, to be delivered to the poor residing in the late City of Philadelphia and District of Southwark, as directed by will,	12 00
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S. Girard's Legacy to Public Schools.

Nov. 23, 1857. Balance on hand	340 50
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Jan. 1, 1858. 6 months Int. on City Loan	313 50
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July 1, " 6 " " " "	313 50
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\$967 50

To be appropriated of the above, being one year's interest, to pay the amount in equal portions for the use of the Public Schools in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Sections	627 00
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Expenses of Trusts for 1858.

To be appropriated to pay

1. Salary of Superintendent from Sept. 1, 1857, to August 31, 1858	150 00
2. Printing annual report in pamphlet form	150 00
3. Blank books and stationery	50 00
4. Incidentals	25 00

\$375 00

Thomas D. Grover's Legacy.

Nov. 23, 1857. Balance on hand	\$242 32
Jan. 1, 1858. 6 months Int. on City Loan	1,159 72
July 1, " 6 " " " " "	1,159 72
1 year's rent, N. A. Hall	50 00
1 " " House No. 112 Federal Street	225 00
1 year's rent, Willow Garden	25 00
1 " " Point Road Es- tate	200 00
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	\$3,061 76
To be appropriated to pay	
1. Mary Grover, annuity	1,200 00
2. Catharine Grover, annuity	100 00
3. Priscilla Grover, "	300 00
4. Sophia Grover, "	100 00
5. Introducing water in house in 24th Ward	300 00
6. Deposit as security for the payment of water pipes when laid in 24th Ward	300 00
7. New plank floor to Stable, digging well and draining cellar, and repairs to house and fences in 24th Ward	150 00
8. Repairs to house, sheds and fences, Point Road Estate	50 00
9. Digging out and cleaning ditch, Point Road Estate	50 00
10. Expenses incurred in ejecting tenant from Point Road Estate, in 1857	26 25
11. For Survey and map of Point Road Estate, to low water, and soundings with depth of water marked com- plete as authorized by Ordinance of October 7th, 1856	60 00
12. Taxes on Estate for 1858	285 00
13. Water Rent and insurance	40 00
14. Incidentals	100 00
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	\$3,061 25

ESTIMATES OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, }
Nov. 23, 1857.

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq., *City Controller* :

DEAR SIR :—In reply to your communication of October 20th, the statements annexed are respectfully submitted.

Statement No. 1. An estimate of appropriation required for the year 1858.

Statement No. 2. Shows the amount of revenue which may be expected from this department for the ensuing year, with the sources from which said revenue will be derived.

As to any debts that will be due and chargeable on the 1st of January, it is impossible to give accurate information, as this will depend upon the action of Councils, and be influenced to some extent by circumstances beyond my control, but I have no doubt that the appropriation for the year will, in the aggregate, cover all expenses, and leave a balance remaining to the credit of the department, of about twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars.

I know of no debts contracted prior to the present year, although bills have been presented for work done and materials furnished at Huntingdon street culvert, Nineteenth Ward, and grading of Girard Avenue, in Twenty-fourth Ward; but as I have not ordered any of the work mentioned to be proceeded with, and as the action of Councils would seem to indicate that the parties doing the work are not legally authorized so to do, I have declined recognizing them in any way, and therefore cannot furnish you with the names of the parties or the amount of their bills.

The appropriation required for the general expenses of the department for the year 1858, will not, in my opinion, vary materially in the amount from that of the present year, except in the item for repairing and repaving streets. It will be seen, from the statement furnished, that an increased appropriation of forty

thousand (\$40,000) dollars is asked for. My experience during the present year leads me to believe, that it will require fully this sum, as a very large number of the streets embraced in the old City proper, and a great many of the streets paved in the Districts prior to and about the time of consolidation, will require repaving.

An immense amount of new paving has been done within the last few years, and in many places so badly done, that it must now be repaired by the Department at the expense of the City.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN McCARTHY,

Chief Comm. of Highways.

1. Paving intersections,	\$25,000
2. Repairing streets,	140,000
3. Grading streets,	25,000
4. Repairing roads,	35,000
5. Footways,	6,000
6. Culverts and inlets,	15,000
7. Bridges,	12,000
8. Cleaning streets,	60,000
9. Cleaning unpaved streets,	10,000
10. City Rail Road,	6,000
11. Wells and pumps,	2,000
12. Salary of Commissioners, &c.,	10,000
13. " " Supervisors,	15,700
14. Girard Avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward,	5,000
15. Wing walls to do.,	4,000
16. Penn Avenue Bridge,	15,000
17. Stationery,	1,200
18. Insurance on bridges,	1,100
19. Office and yard expenses,	1,500
20. Incidentals,	1,200
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	\$390,700

The following items will show the probable income of this Department, for the year 1858:—

Omnibuses,	\$5,000
Carts, wagons, drays and barrows,	3,200
Hacks, private carriages and drivers' license,	1,000
Building permits,	800
Vault permits,	2,000
Sewer permits,	2,000
Rents,	3,300
Rail Road turn-outs,	50
Paving and repaving,	3,000
Miscellaneous,	4,000
Rail Road cars,	200
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	\$24,550

ESTIMATES OF WILLS HOSPITAL.

Wills Hospital—Estimated Receipts.

1858.			
Jan.	1.	6 months' interest on City Loan	\$1159 00
"	1.	6 " " " Yellow	
		Fever Fund	280 80
June	22.	6 months' interest on Exchange Mortgage	1020 00
July	1.	6 months' interest on City Loan	1159 00
"	1.	6 " " " Yellow	
		Fever Fund	280 80
Dec.	22.	6 months' interest on Exchange Mortgage	1020 00
"	31.	Estimated Receipts from Patients, etc.	1100 00
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			\$6019 60

Estimated Expenses.

House Expenses	\$3842 92
Salaries and Wages	1348 74
Medical Department	473 22
Real Estate	354 72
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	\$6019 60

JNO. RODMAN PAUL,

President.

Nov. 23, 1857.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }
 PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20, 1857. }

S. TAYLOR, Esq., *City Controller* :

DEAR SIR:—In making our estimate, yesterday, of the amount required for this office for the year 1858, we omitted two items, viz. :—

For indexing Assessors' Books, at five cents	
per page, - - -	\$1250 00
For Books for Clerk of the Orphans' Court,	100 00

Will you oblige us by sending to the Committee to whom this subject has been referred by Councils, at an early date, this communication ?

Respectfully yours,

JAMES M. LEDDY,
 JAMES LOGAN,

City Commissioners.

APPENDIX No. 15.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY COMMISSIONERS.

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3, 1857. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—We would respectfully call your attention to the inclosed (duplicate) bills from George Megee, Sheriff, William B. Mann, District Attorney, and George M. Howell, late Clerk of Quarter Sessions, and ask you to provide for payment of the same.

We would also state that the appropriation to pay Grand Jurors, is exhausted ; that the present Grand Jury will adjourn on Friday or Saturday of this week, and, unless some action is taken, no means will be left with us to give them warrants in payment for their labor.

We are respectfully yours,

J. M. LEDDY,
JAMES LOGAN,

City Commissioners.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1, 1857.

Amount due George M. Howell, Clerk of	
Quarter Sessions: August term, balance	
due on account,	\$656 51
October term, bills and fees,	1192 79
Miscellaneous account,	82 95
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	\$1932 25

I certify that the above bill is correct, according to the accounts filed in this office.

CHAS. A. YEAGER, *Clerk.*

Controller's Office, Dec. 2, 1857.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2, 1857.

Amount due William B. Mann, Esq., Dis-	
trict Attorney: August term, balance due	\$424 00
October term, bills and fees,	1244 50
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	\$1668 50

I certify that the above bill is correct, according to the accounts filed in this office.

CHAS. A. YEAGER, *Clerk.*

Controller's Office, Dec. 2, 1857.

Amount of moneys due Geo: Megee, Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia: June term, balance due,	\$312 00
Received on account of same term, \$400.	
August term, bills and fees for the term,	997 25
October term, bills and fees for the term,	831 87
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	\$2141 12
Deduct Jury fees collected and paid to Geo. Megee by Jas. W. Fletcher, Prothonotary of District Court,	
	260 00
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	\$1881 12
December 1st, 1857.	

I certify that the above bill is correct, according to the accounts filed in this office.

CHAS. A. YEAGER, *Clerk.*

Controller's Office, Dec. 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 16.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY CONTROLLER.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3, 1857. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith transmit the estimates of expenses of the Police Department and Board of Health, and estimate of the Receipts of the latter, for the year 1858, received since the date of my last report on that subject.

I also transmit the correspondence between this Department and the President of the Board of Inspectors of the County Prison, relative to the payment of the receipts of that Institution for the current year, to the City Treasurer. As this matter had no connection with the estimates for the year 1858, I did not send it to Councils with the previous documents relating to that subject, designing at the proper time, to submit it to the Finance Committee. But being informed this morning by the Clerk of that Institution, that it was desirable that it should be in the possession of Councils, I avail myself of this occasion to forward it.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

Supplementary Schedule of the Receipts and Expenses of the several Departments for the year 1858:—

DEPARTMENTS, &c.	Total Rec'ts 1858.	Total Exp. 1858.	Bills due '57 & prev's
Police Department, Board of Health,	\$1200 00	390,502.00 34,127.00	

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES OF POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 1858.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30, 1857. }

DEAR SIR:—The Mayor requests me to transmit to you the following estimate for the Police Department for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, (1858.)

1. For salaries of the Mayor, Mayor's Clerk and two Messengers, \$5,500 00
2. For the salaries of eight High Constables, four Special Officers, sixteen Lieutenants, and thirty-two Sergeants, 37,600 00
3. For the salary of Chief of Police, 1,500 00
4. For salaries of 650 Policemen, 325,000 00
5. For rent of 9th district station-house, 275 00
6. For fuel, 2,000 00
7. For carrying prisoners, by vans, from station-houses, 5,200 00
8. For cleaning station-houses, rooms and cells, 2,652 00
9. For meals and medical attendance, 400 00
10. For repairs to station-houses, and cells and furniture, 900 00
11. For stationery and printing blanks, public notices, police returns for Mayor, Chief of Police, and Lieutenants of Police, 1,000 00

12. For the arrest and conviction of offenders, and for foreign telegraph expenses,	\$1,175 00
13. For bedding, badges and rattles,	800 00
14. For stoves and heaters, and repairs to the same,	800 00
15. For expenses of taking up and killing dogs,	1,000 00
16. For incidental expenses, postages and portorage,	750 00
17. For salaries of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph,	1,700 00
18. For acids and repairs to Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph,	750 00
19. For expenses to be incurred in procuring evidence and in the investigation of alleged violations of law,	1,500 00
Total,	<u>\$390,502 00</u>

As the month of December has not commenced, we estimate \$1,500 for the bills that may be rendered up to December 31st, when all the items of the appropriation for 1857 will merge \$1,500 00.

Thus you will see the Mayor has saved about \$3,000 on the appropriation for 1857, and about \$16,000 on the expenses as per ordinance, approved March 6, 1857.

Very respectfully,

JAMES D. CAMPBELL,

Mayor's Clerk.

TO STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ., *City Controller.*

ESTIMATES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR 1858.

HEALTH OFFICE,
S. W. Cor. Sixth and Sansom Sts. }
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3, 1857. }

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq., *City Controller*,—

DEAR SIR :—The following are the estimated receipts of this Department for the year 1858 :—

Health fees and examination of Passengers,	\$5,500 00
Licenses to clean privies,	1,500 00
Permits and fines,	5,000 00
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	\$12,000 00

The receipts for the removal of nuisances being paid to, and collected by, the City Solicitor, the Board are unable to ascertain the amount paid in.

By order of the Board of Health,

WILLIAM M. RANDALL,

Clerk of Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27, 1857.

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq., *City Controller*,—

DEAR SIR :—The following are the estimates of expenses of the Board of Health, required for the year 1858 :

Salary of Health Officer,	\$1200	
“ Clerk,	1200	
“ Assistant Clerk,	600	
“ Messenger,	540	
“ Four Ass't Messengers, (\$540 each,)	2,161	
“ Port Physician,	800	
“ Runner,	360	
“ Six Bargemen, (7 mo's)	1260	———8,120

Lazaretto Station.

“ Lazaretto Physician,	1,500	
“ Quarantine Master,	1,000	
“ Steward,	975	
“ Two Nurses (5 mo's),	300	
“ Seven Bargemen (5 mo's),	1,050	
“ Two Inspectors of vessels,	320	———5,145

City Hospital.

“ Matron,	400	
“ Three Nurses,	500	
“ Watchman,	240	
“ Physician,	500	———1,640

Expenses of City Hospital.

To Board of Nurses and Watch- man (at \$2.75 per week),	572
To Board of Patients,	1000

To digging graves, and coffins,	\$150	
“ coal, wood and hauling,	300	
“ horse keep,	250	
“ medicines,	200	
“ ice,	100	
“ bedding and straw,	100	
“ wagon for the sick,	125	
“ repairs and miscellaneous,	250	
“ examination of nuisances by Sanitary Committee,	250	———3,297

Expenses of Health Office.

“ taxes, fuel, gas, water rent and repairs,	600	
“ printing and publishing,	1,000	
“ stationery and blanks,	300	
“ incidental expenses, viz. : post- age, cleaning &c.,	150	———2,050

Expenses of Lazaretto Station.

“ carrying mail,	175	
“ medicines, lime and chloride of lime,	300	
“ coffins,	50	
“ oil and fluid,	75	
“ ice, and filling ice house,	100	
“ straw for beds,	50	
“ brushes, soap and Hospital fur- niture,	150	
“ taxes,	125	
“ expenses of Committee, car- riage hire &c.,	300	
“ Board of Patients, Bargemen and Nurses,	1,000	
“ repairs,	300	
“ outside channel visits,	325	———2,950
“ bills of mortality,		200

Poudrette Committee.

To examination of carts, violation
of law, carriage hire &c., \$300

District Committees.

" 1st District Committee,			
For examination of nuisances,	100		
" 2nd " "	75		
" 3d " "	75		
" 4th " "	100		
" 5th " "	75	425	
To removal of nuisances,		10,000	
			\$34,127

By order of the Board of Health,
WILLIAM M. RANDALL, *Clerk.*

LETTER FROM CITY CONTROLLER, RELATING TO RECEIPTS OF
COUNTY PRISON, FOR 1857, AND REPLY THERETO.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
PHILADELPHIA, October 23, 1857. }

To PAUL B. GODDARD,

- President Inspectors of the County Prison :

DEAR SIR :—In the estimates for the year 1857, submitted to this Department by the Inspectors of the Prison, November 4, 1856, the receipts of the Prison were estimated at \$7,500. As nearly ten months of the fiscal year have elapsed, and no payments have been made to the City Treasurer, on account of the receipts of the Prison, I beg leave respectfully to call your attention, and that of the Board over which you preside, to the provisions of the twenty-fifth section of the Act of Assembly, entitled " A further Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia," approved May 13, 1856.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY PRISON, }
Oct. 24, 1857. }

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq., *City Controller*,—

DEAR SIR :—The reason for not paying any of the profits of the Department over which I have the honor to preside, into the City Treasury, is that they yet remain to be realized in cash. The Board have thought it better and more profitable to carry on the manufactory by their Committee, than to give it out to contractors ; and the money, as fast as received, has been paid for materials. I inclose an account from the Clerk of the present assets of the Department, which, with a small amount in cash, may be fairly estimated as the net receipts of the Department, and, when realized, to be paid into the City Treasury, as the profits of the same.

Very respectfully,

PAUL B. GODDARD, *President*.

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Account of Assets of Department.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24, 1857.

Paul B. Goddard, M. D. :

Sir :—In answer to your inquiries, I would say that our assets, at the present time, amount to \$7593 31, as follows :—

Bills receivable,	\$4001 31
1164 pair sewed boots, at \$2 50,	2910 00
156 pair pegged boots, at \$2 25,	351 00
142 pair sewed brogans, at \$1 30,	184 60
122 pair pegged brogans, at \$1 20,	146 40
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	\$7593 31

Note.—Furnished by Joseph Howell, Clerk. The above goods we were afraid to sell until matters were straightened up a little.

P. B. G.

APPENDIX No. 17.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The resolution passed by Councils October 1, 1857, directing the Committee on Finance to make an investigation into the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Health, was referred to a Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Williams, Beideman, Day, McCay, and Mascher, who proceeded immediately to make as thorough an examination as the circumstances would permit. Their report, which has been adopted by the Committee, and the testimony taken, are submitted herewith.

It will be seen that a condition of matters has been revealed, that imperatively demands immediate and complete reform, and the Committee recommend the passage of the annexed ordinance, providing for an entire change in the organization of the Department, under the powers conferred upon Councils by the 16th section of the Act of 31st January, 1854.

It is evident from the terms of the section, that the Legislature regarded the first organization of the Board of Health as merely temporary. It is an anomaly, when considered in its relation to the general form of our municipal government.

There is a nominal control given to Councils over their expenditures; but it is merely nominal; for while Councils may limit the appropriations to the Department, they cannot restrain the Board from contracting debts above the sums appropriated, which the City is liable for.

The only proper remedy, in the opinion of the Committee, is a re-organization of the Department, based on the principle of making the members of it directly responsible to Councils. Some legislation will be required before this new system can be perfected, inasmuch as, by the present laws, the Health Officer, who is one of the principal officers of the Department, holds his appointment from the Governor. It is designed, when the proper time arrives, to ask the Legislature to vest the appointment of this officer in Councils.

W. HAYWARD DRAYTON, <i>Cha'n</i> ,	} Finance Committee.
I. N. MARSELIS,	
D. S. BEIDEMAN,	
JOHN F. MASCHER,	
EDW. S. HANDY,	
ALFRED DAY,	
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,	
R. McCAY, JR.,	
GEO. WILLIAMS,	
JOSEPH TAYLOR,	
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,	
W. P. HACKER.	

Dec. 3, 1857.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE,

Appointed by the Committee on Finance, to make the investigation required by the following resolution, passed by Councils, October 1, 1857,—to wit:

“ *Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to examine and report in relation to the expenditures of the Board of Health for filling up a lot and removal of a nuisance on the south side of Prime street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets; and, farther, to examine and report in relation to all other expenditures of the Board of Health; and that, to enable them to make such examinations in a satisfactory manner, the Committee be authorized to send for persons and papers, and to have the witnesses who may be called to testify, sworn or affirmed.”

The fiftieth section of the Act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia, passed February 25, 1854, requires that Councils shall, “through the Mayor and proper Committees, maintain a supervision of each department, whether corporate or otherwise, and over the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the exposure and correction of all evils and abuses, and for that purpose may require the production of and inspect all books and papers, and the attendance of witnesses by subpoena, and examine them under oath or affirmation.”

As these powers had never been exercised, except in the examination of the accounts of departments, the officers of which were under the immediate control of and elected by Councils, it was requisite, in the commencement of the investigation, to adopt some form of proceeding for the summoning of witnesses and the production of books and papers. This was the more necessary, for two reasons—1st. While the law is explicit enough in conferring power to send for persons and papers, it seems to be defective in pointing out the proper remedy in cases of refusal to comply; and,

2d. Certain members and officers of the Board of Health appeared in the commencement of the examination inclined to dispute the powers which the Committee claimed to possess. These powers were, however, soon after admitted by the Board, at a special meeting, called to consider the question—the City Solicitor being present and advising that course.

Upon consultation with the Mayor of the City, it was deemed proper that the subpoenas should be issued by him, having his signature and the seal of the City attached, and be served by police officers detailed for that duty. The Committee also decided, as farther preliminaries to the proceedings, that the witnesses should be examined separately, and that no witness should be called without being first sworn or affirmed by a magistrate.

As the evidence is given at length, in an appendix to the report, it is not the purpose of the Committee to make remarks upon or refer to all the facts that passed under their review; it is only necessary for them to *arrange* the more important facts elicited by the testimony, and such as have come to light by a scrutiny of the books and accounts.

Of all the matters that passed under the examination of the Committee, the most important of any single transaction of the Board of Health, if the importance is measured by the amount of loss that will probably result to the City, is the contract made in September, 1856, with Kain & Schaffer, for filling up the Prime street lot. It was stipulated that the contractors were to be paid \$2.50 per day, for each horse, cart and driver, and \$1.25 per day for each laborer employed.

Before the contract was made, the Committee of the Board, to whom the subject had been referred, reported that the cost would be about 4000 dollars, (See evidence of William Bonsall, marked I.) and Doctor Wilson Jewell testified, (See K.) “that Kain and Schaffer represented previous to making the contract, that it would not cost more than 800 or 900 dollars.” “They afterwards said it would take a good deal more money—I think then about 2000 dollars.” The evi-

dence of Gavin H. Woodward shows, that the sum named by the Committee as the probable cost was 4000 dollars. (Vide L.)

The bills actually rendered are as follows:

1st bill, March 1, 1857, was for	\$4,000 00
2nd " May 8, " "	4,347 57
3d " July 1, " "	3,204 36
4th "	12,861 79

The first three bills, amounting to \$11,531.93, have been paid. The last bill has not been paid, for the reason, as the Committee believe, that the appropriation for purposes of this kind, was nearly exhausted before the last bill was presented, only a few hundred dollars of it remaining unexpended.

In what manner these accounts were made up, the evidence of the contractors themselves will show. They admit that a considerable part of the earth used for filling up the pond, was hauled from cellars dug by them in various parts of the City for private individuals, who paid them for the work; while for all the horses, carts and laborers thus employed, they charged the Board of Health \$2.50 per day for each horse and cart, and \$1.25 per day for each laborer. John Schaffer, one of the firm, had the contract for cleansing the First District of the City. He says: (See A.) "When I was cleaning the gutters about Broad and Washington streets, under my contract with the City, for cleaning the streets, I charged for each cart to the Board of Health, \$2.50 per day." But this was only a part. A large quantity of earth was hauled to the pond by carters not employed by the contractors or any other parties, because it was the most convenient place of deposit for surplus earth &c., in that section of the City.

Much of this was had by the contractors without rendering any compensation, though Schaffer says: "I charged the Board of Health \$2.50 for every sixteen loads that any body would haul there. I don't know how much of our bill is made up in that way." In some instances, the contractors say, they paid these

carters trifling sums, from three to twelve cents. Unwarranted by the terms of the contract, and extortionate as an account thus made up would be, yet if it had been truthfully kept, even on that principle, the amount of the bill would have fallen far short of what is now claimed, as will be seen by the following simple calculation :

The whole area covered by water was, according to the testimony of Rob. Jarden, a former owner, (Vide D.) about two acres, or 87,000 superficial feet, and the average depth about six feet, making the pond to be filled, contain 19,333 cubic yards, or 25,777 cart loads, allowing two-thirds of a yard to each load. Now, they swear that they computed 16 cart loads for a day's work.

The aggregate amount of their bills is	\$24,413 72
Deduct for laborers employed to level,	
(about ten times as much as would	
be actually required,) say	- - 5,000 00

Leaving for horses, carts and drivers,	\$19,413 72
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Or 7765 days' work at \$2.50 per day. This multiplied by sixteen loads for each day's work, makes 124,240 loads, all of which we are asked to believe was deposited in a place that had a capacity of only 25,777 loads. The quantity charged would be sufficient, after filling the pond, to make a mound more than twenty feet in height above the curb level. The capacity being 25,777 loads, and the cost \$24,413 72, makes the charge for each cart load 94 cents. These calculations are sufficient to show the extravagant and preposterous character of the bills; and coupled with the admission that charges were made for labor employed for the use of, and paid for by, private individuals, and for dirt deposited by persons not employed at all, considerable portions of which cost them nothing, exhibit the claim in the light of an absurd pretense.

Testimony was given by several parties as to the true value of the work.

W. J. Cushman (Vide C.) swore that he made a verbal contract to fill up the pond for 600 dollars, at which rate "he supposed that he should have realized about 200 dollars for his services."

Thomas Daly (See E.) says that "the lot could have been filled up without expense, if had waited, except a man to level."

Thomas A. Barlow says that "one thousand men could have been had who would have done it for 5000 dollars. That is a very liberal allowance."

Alexander Armstrong, a builder residing in the vicinity, testifies that "he would have been glad to have had the contract for 2500 dollars;" and Robert Jarden, a former owner of the lot, informed the Committee (See D.) "that he had a proposition to fill up his portion of the lot, comprising full one half, if not more, of the whole surface filled by the Board of Health, for 600 dollars." He also testified that "the entire lot as filled up by the Board of Health, is intrinsically worth about 20,000 dollars, though it would not bring that sum now."

By reference to the evidence in relation to this matter, farther proofs will appear, that the transaction throughout its history, from beginning to end, bears unmistakable marks of fraud. Not only the public treasury has been wronged out of large sums, but a wrong has been done or attempted to be done to the owners, amounting to all their property. If the last bill of \$12,861 79 should be paid to the contractors and charged against the lot, it will make the lien for the work exceed the whole value of the property, more than 4000 dollars. Though the Board of Health may admit the claim, it will certainly never receive the sanction of Councils. Far more has already been paid than the contractors were justly entitled to, and it is a question worthy of consideration, whether it is not the duty of the Councils to order proceedings with a view to the recovery of a part of what has been paid.

In connection with this subject, it is proper to call attention to the fact admitted by these contractors, and corroborated by the evidence of John N. Henderson,

the present Health Officer, (See LL.) that a system has prevailed by which the Health Officer always had an interest in all contracts. According to Schaffer's testimony, the Health Officer "always looked for little percentage. I think I gave McCallister 5 per cent on this contract." This would amount on the sum claimed, to 1220 dollars. Kain's recollection seemed less distinct, but he admitted that he had occasionally given him small sums.

Mr. Henderson informed the Committee, that when he first entered upon the duties of the office, he was told that it was customary for the Health Officer to receive 10 per cent on all contracts.

As has been before remarked, this contract with Kain & Schaffer, is the most important of all the matters that underwent the examination of the Committee, if considered only in regard to the amount of loss to the City Treasury; but various other transactions which the Committee deem it their duty to expose, are justly liable to still stronger reprehension, because they involve not only misapplication of the public moneys, but are direct violations of well-known laws.

Not the slightest attention, it seems, has ever been paid to either of the provisions of the law of 1856, in relation to the receipts and expenditures of money, by the several departments of the City government. The law imperatively requires that all receipts shall be paid immediately over to the City Treasurer; and strictly prohibits all expenditures for eating, drinking and smoking. No portion of the office receipts were paid over by R. H. Gorbutt, the late Clerk; and he alleges that more than the whole amount of such receipts was disbursed, by orders of the Board and the several Committees, nearly all of said disbursements being clear infractions of the law.

Bills for dinners, liquors, cigars, carriage hire, &c., consumed the whole of the revenue.

Three of these bills are appended (See PP.) as specimens, and to show the epicurean tastes of the

members ; and though they belong to a former Board, that of 1855 and 1856, they are fair samples of the ordinary diet lists of the present year.

How much these entertainments cost, it is impossible to tell with precision, but one fact will serve to show that the annual expenditure for such purposes was no inconsiderable sum.

R. H. Gorbutt was the Clerk from Jan. 1, 1857, to Aug. 1, 1857, and during that time received, according to his own testimony, 4,400 dollars. His payments during the same period, he says, amounted to \$5,262 06. The discrepancies, which will be observed in his evidence, as to his accounts, will be referred to hereafter—the aggregate amount being only taken now, to enable Councils to form some idea of how much the public have been paying for services, the value of which can be better estimated after a perusal of the testimony. But large as this amount was, it proved entirely inadequate to defray these illegal expenditures, and resort was had to the making of fictitious bills, to meet the deficiencies.

Accounts were formally passed, warrants regularly made out, countersigned, receipted, and the money for them drawn from the Treasury, in the names of persons who had no existence, for articles and supplies never furnished or required.

Gavin H. Woodward testified (See L.), that “among the bills made up to meet the expenses of the Sanitary Convention, were—Amos Johnson, \$125 ; W. N. Atwell, \$90 ; J. Galbraith, \$56 ; J. Devenney, \$40. They were *bogus*, but they were signed by the Committee, and passed the Board.”

In these cases, real names were used for false accounts. Other bills of like character were also made out to cover the cost of the Convention feast at the Lazaretto ; for Mr. Woodward further states that “the amount paid to the Steward on the first of September, 1857, was \$540 41.”

The Committee who signed the foregoing bill. consisted of Woodward, Donovan, McGettigan, and Bornmann.

Miss Lydia Tomlinson, in her evidence, (See X.) informed the Committee that she had an understanding, or arrangement with the Sanitary Committee, who had the supervision of her department, that she was to receive 75 cents for each meal furnished at the City Hospital, for the meetings of the Committee, or the Board. To cover these expenses, two schemes were concocted and carried into effect. The one was to include a part of these charges in the ordinary bills of the Matron, in the items "for board of nurses and patients;" the other was to raise the balance by the apparently favorite plan of making, what they denominated *bogus bills*.

Of this class are the following :

Robert Hood, for iron bedsteads,	-	\$49	50
Hurly & Holl, for	"	-	61 00
Kerr & Boyd, for	"	-	140 12
George Smith, for drugs,	-	-	30 40

All of the foregoing were duly certified to be correct by the Sanitary Committee, consisting of Messrs. Weir, Housekeeper, DeYoung, Boileau, and Watt.

No such parties as Robert Hood, Hurly & Holl, Kerr & Boyd, or George Smith can be found, and that no such articles were ever furnished, is proved by the evidence of the Matron, and of Doctor S. P. Brown, the former Physician of the Hospital.

All of the gentlemen whose signatures are affixed to these bills, were examined by the Committee. Doctor Housekeeper declined to answer the question touching his knowledge of them. (See U.) He admitted that he knew who signed the name of R. Hood to the warrant, but declined telling. While he denies any knowledge of such a firm as G. Smith & Co., he admits that he endorsed the warrant G. Smith & Co., per B. Housekeeper. The other members of the Committee said they knew nothing about the bills. Two of these accounts, Robert Hood's and George Smith's, having the appearance of genuine and legitimate bills, approved by the Committee on Hospital and Committee on Accounts, and the warrants for them being drawn in due form by the Clerk, bearing the

signature of J. R. Coad, President, and Thos. H. Town, Secretary, received the approval of, and were countersigned by the Controller. No censure can be attached to this officer, for no ordinary scrutiny could have detected the successful deceit. The other two, though certified in the same manner, were sent back by him for further proofs of their correctness, and no demand has since been made for payment. The Committee have not obtained any positive proof as to who actually drew the money from the Treasury. Some of the witnesses who must have known, declined to answer that interrogatory.

It is unnecessary to make any remarks on these very plain matters of fact. Enough has been admitted to convince Councils, that banquets at the City Hospital—banquets at the Lazaretto—banquets at the Office—banquets in the day time, and banquets in the night season—eating, drinking, smoking and riding at the public expense, must have occupied a large portion of the time of the active members of the Board of Health.

If it were possible, consistently with a proper discharge of duty, the names of individual members in their connections with certain accounts and money transactions, would be withheld; but the facts that have come to light, cannot be properly exhibited without the publication of the names.

Warrants were issued in due form, by orders of the Board, for bills made out as follows:

In the name of Weaver, Fitler & Co., \$174.75.

“ Dallam, Baker & Co., for 21.63

“ Snyder & Co., for 127.60

“ H. Funk, for 77.45

Neither of these parties ever had any dealings with the Board of Health; never sold the Board a single article, or had an item charged on their books against the Board. The history of these accounts will be given in the language of John O'Brien, a member, and Chairman of the Lazaretto Committee.

In relation to the first bill, he says: “The articles came from Weaver, Fitler & Co.; not in the name of

the Board of Health; they were bought in my name." "I signed the name of Weaver, Fitler & Co. to the warrant, and countersigned it, and received the money from the City Treasurer."

In relation to the bill of Dallam, Baker & Co., he says: "I can't say whether these articles were purchased of Dallam, Baker & Co., or not. My young man purchased them." "I drew the money upon the warrant for these goods." "I signed the name of Dallam, Baker & Co. to the warrant, when I obtained the money."

In relation to the bill of Snyder & Co., he says: "I think I made the purchase, or my young man might have purchased them. The signature and endorsement on the warrant are mine, in the name of Snyder & Co. I drew the money." His account of the bill of H. Funk is as follows: "The nails in the bill, \$15.50, are correct; the other portion of the bill, \$61.95, is *bogus*—it was to cover expenses of eating and drinking at Lazaretto. I signed the warrant and drew the money upon it." When questioned as to his knowledge of an item of \$114.75, in the Clerk's accounts, charged as a payment to E. Friel, he replied: "That was for eating and drinking. I received the money from the Clerk. E. Friel lives at Spring Garden and Ninth streets. He did not supply the articles; I supplied them," &c. "As Chairman of the Lazaretto Committee, I sent all the supplies, and a great many members found fault with me because I did not supply more plentifully."

After these extremely candid confessions it is scarcely necessary to refer to the evidence of Edwin H. Fitler, of the firm of Weaver, Fitler & Co. (Marked P.), who pronounced "the bill in the name of their firm fictitious, and the whole affair a forgery from beginning to end;" or to the evidence of Josiah W. Dallam, of the firm of Dallam, Baker & Co. (Marked Q.), who says—"Our firm never furnished these articles; the signature on the warrant is not by any one connected with our firm."

How many of the members were cognizant of the

making, passing and receipt of money, for fictitious bills, has not been exactly ascertained; but the evidence proves beyond doubt, that several members were implicated in these illegal proceedings.

Win. M. Randall, Clerk of the Board, in his testimony, (See Z.) says: "I was told by a member of the Board, that the bills of Kerr & Boyd and Hurly & Holl, were not legitimate bills. They were handed to me by the Sanitary Committee. I drew the money for the bills of R. Hood and Geo. Smith, and paid it to Lydia Tomlinson for the expenses of the Committee's supplies." "After drawing the money for the bills," (heretofore referred to as having been made to cover the expenses of the feast given to the Sanitary Convention,) "I paid it to B. E. Carpenter. Mr. Woodward was present when the orders were given, and went with me when I paid the money. Mr. Woodward explained to Mr. Carpenter how it had been obtained. The bogus bills made out to pay Lydia Tomlinson, (Matron of the City Hospital,) were receipted for by Dr. Housekeeper, and I sent our messenger for the money, and paid it to Lydia Tomlinson, by order of Dr. Housekeeper."

"The articles in Geo. Smith's bill," (See evidence of Doctor S. P. Brown, marked V.) were never furnished to, or used in, the City Hospital. It looks like a bogus bill. The bill of George Smith & Co. came from Doctor Housekeeper's store, and the medicines were labelled in Dr. Housekeeper's hand-writing."

Developments of transactions, differing somewhat in plan and character from the foregoing, were made by the examination of persons who had accounts against the Board.

Michael Kelly furnished carriages for the use of Committees, and had a running book account of his charges. He says: (See JJ.) "William B. Griffith, (a member of the Board,) has made out bills from my books, and taken them, when I was not aware of it. He always brought the money to me, except the last. I was never asked to sign a warrant, except the last, which I received the money for, from the Treasurer."

Gorbutt says, in connection with these bills for carriage hire: "I paid to Mr. Griffith for Mr. Kelly's bills for carriage hire to Oct. 20, 1856, \$60.50, and for bills during the months of November and December, 1856, \$68. These bills were all made out by Mr. Griffith." There is still due Mr. Kelly on his book account, \$98.

A comparison of the actual charges on the books of Mr. Kelly, with the amounts paid for carriage hire in his name, by Mr. Gorbutt, together with the amount (\$156) received on warrants, will exhibit Mr. Griffith's qualifications as an accountant.

Mr. Griffith, when called to testify, swore, that he had no recollection of having made out any bills, or having received any money, for Michael Kelly; but he did receive 100 dollars from the late Clerk, to pay for the hire of a steamboat, employed to carry the members of the Sanitary Convention to the Lazaretto.

How much he paid, we are informed by the Captain. Captain Vance examined (See II). "The boat was chartered by Mr. Griffith; he paid me either \$50 or \$60. I wanted \$75—but he told me that \$60 was all that had been appropriated." What became of the difference, does not appear.

The Clerk's accounts show a charge of \$50, paid to Mr. Donovan, a member, which sum Mr. Donovan handed over to Mr. Griffith (See AA.), to pay for cigars. In explanation of this item, Mr. Griffith swears (See FF.)—"I do not know the name of the man to whom I paid the \$50; he was carrying cigars about the streets." This explanation is given for what it is worth. It would perhaps be out of place for the Committee to express any doubts, however improbable it may seem.

Within a year past, two officers of the Board have died—Mr. Marks, the former Clerk, and Mr. McCallister, the late Health Officer. In the exercise of a spirit of benevolence and liberality that cost them nothing, the Board made appropriations to meet the funeral expenses in both cases. In the first case they paid to the undertaker, Mr. McCormick, \$347.50; and in the second, the \$200 appropriated, was given to Drs. Coad and Gallagher, members of the Board, to carry to the widow.

The most diligent inquiry failed to enable the Committee to detect the perpetrator of the forgeries of the signatures and receipts, on the warrants drawn in the names of Drs. Wm. H. Freeman, T. O. Goldsmith, and McFadden (See Testimony NN, OO, and PP).

Richard Field, an officer of the Board of Health (See MM.), made out the bills and warrants, by direction of Mr. Gorbutt; but he denied all knowledge as to who received or signed them. A bill of Jonathan Thomas for bricklaying, amounting to \$29.75, in the handwriting of Richard Field, was found among the papers of the Board of Health. In relation to this bill Jonathan Thomas testifies (See KK.) that he presented the bill to the Board of Health, for \$17.50, for which he called several times, but excuses were always made to avoid the payment. The bill of \$29.75 was presented to the Controller for his approval, but was sent back by him to have the oath attached, since which time it has not been returned.

No full and satisfactory statement of the condition of R. H. Gorbutt's accounts was obtained by the Committee, though several efforts were made to accomplish this object. He stated to the Committee (See M) that "he was told by the members generally, when he went into the office, to keep his accounts so that nobody could understand them but himself;" and these instructions he has obeyed to the very letter.

He acknowledges having received \$4.400. In order to test the accuracy of this statement, the Committee examined all the books in the office; but one important book, the License Book, without which the account could not be made up, had mysteriously disappeared. According to the evidence of Woodward and Randall, it was in the office on the 23d or 24th of October. The former asked the Clerk for it on the 29th October, and was told it was gone.

Estimating the receipts from licenses at \$1,300, and from fines at \$200, the total receipts of the office during Mr. Gorbutt's term would amount to \$4,791. There is not much difficulty in arriving at the sum re-

ceived for licenses, as all parties to whom permits were issued were required by the rules of the Board to have first obtained licenses.

He claims credit for payments amounting to \$5,262,06—for a considerable part of this he has no vouchers whatever; some of the items in this account are of rather remarkable character, as, for instance:

Mr. Gorbutt swears—"There was one bill in the name of J. C. McCall, for liquors, \$237, which was rendered second time in same name. I paid the first bill to Mr. Griffith; it had passed the Office Committee; I disputed the bill the second time and told Mr. McCall I had paid it. He said he had never received the money, and I then paid it to Mr. McCaffrey, in the presence of Mr. McCall."

It is proper to observe here, that this statement is positively denied by McCaffrey and McCall.

Another charge is for \$204,76, paid to A. C. Roberts, a member of the Board, for groceries &c.

"These groceries were furnished by A. C. Roberts from his store, and the bill made out in the name of Henry Rheim & Bro. Mr. Roberts signed the receipt. I don't know whether there is such a firm as Rheim & Bro. or not." He also says: "I paid W. B. Griffith, for liquors, on bills of Thomas Clark, December, 1856, \$119, and January and February, 1857, \$124.

"These bills were approved by Doctor Coad and W. B. Griffith. They were receipted by W. B. Griffith." "The bill paid to W. B. Griffith for J. C. McCall was also approved by Dr. Coad and W. B. Griffith."

To David Brown he paid for meals furnished by order of House Committee, Dr. Coad, Chairman, sundry bills, amounting to \$567.97, for all the foregoing, and a large number of other items of expenditure. Mr. Gorbutt has bills and receipts. He claims credit, however, for many other charges, without any proof of payments having been made. Among these, he alleges, that he paid John O'Brien several bills, amounting in the whole to \$449.89; that the bills were receipted for by Mr. O'Brien, placed in the charge of the Assistant Clerk, and destroyed by Mr. Woodward.

These bills are the same which Mr. O'Brien received payment for from the Treasurer, signing the names of the several parties on the warrants, and, consequently, if Mr. Gorbutt's statement is entitled to belief, Mr. O'Brien must have been paid these bills twice.

But Mr. O'Brien swears that he never received payment for either of these bills from Mr. Gorbutt, and that he knows nothing of the destruction of them by Mr. Woodward.

Neither of the Clerks in the office have any knowledge concerning the matter, and Mr. Woodward denies the truth of the allegation, though he admits that he tore up one bill, a fictitious one, in the name of J. Lancaster.

It is needless to go into any further detail of these confused accounts.

The Committee deem it but just, before closing their report, to say that several of the members of the Board of Health, are entirely clear of any guilty participation in these improper proceedings. Some, even of those whose signatures as members of the Committees are attached to the fictitious bills, it is believed, signed their names without any knowledge of the true character of the accounts.

GEO. WILLIAMS,	}	Committee.
D. S. BEIDEMAN,		
JOHN F. MASCHER,		
R. McCAY, JR.,		
ALFRED DAY,		

TESTIMONY.

[A]

November 4, 1857.

John Schaffer, sworn.

I am one of the firm of Kain & Schaffer, who had the contract with the Board of Health for filling up the lot at Broad and Prime streets. We made the contract with the Health Officer, J. T. W. McCallister.

Q. What is it usual or customary to allow the Health Officer for contracts?

A. Just what you please to give him. The Health Officer always looked for a little per centage; it depended a little on the character of the contract. Sometimes from five to ten per cent.; sometimes two and a half per cent., and sometimes nothing. I think I gave Mr. McCallister five per cent. on this contract. He wanted more. I told him I thought that was plenty. He said he could get more from other parties. I think we paid him the five per cent., and he borrowed \$100 from me, which he never paid.

Q. Where was the principal part of the earth obtained from for filling up that lot?

A. It was taken from all parts—wherever we could get it; the most from Eighth and Catharine—some from cellars that we dug. We dug one cellar, Chestnut and Schuylkill Eighth, which was about as far as any. Some from Fourth near Carpenter. We charged the same for laborers and carts when we hauled from cellars that we were digging, and which we were paid for, as when we hauled from a bank.

Q. Had you a contract with Mr. Bickley for the ashes taken up in the City?

A. The contract with Mr. Bickley was light. We got a few loads from him to make the road good, and paid him, I think, twenty cents per load ; and for every twelve to sixteen loads that he would haul, we charged the Board of Health for a horse and cart, \$2.50. We had to take the ashes to make the road, and did not want more than we could help. I hauled the ashes from the streets which I cleaned under my contract with the City, and charged the Board of Health the same for my carts while cleaning the streets as I charged for other carts, \$2.50 per day, counting every sixteen loads, one cart, for one day.

I consider sixteen loads a fair day's work ; the carts should average that. The snow last winter did not interfere with us. I think we did not work from the 17th to 26th January, 1857, during the deep snow. The signatures to the \$4,000 and \$4,300 warrants are mine ; that to the \$3,204.36 warrant is John Kain's.

I had forty odd horses last winter. I drove single and with two and three horse teams, in hauling the dirt upon that lot. When I had a three horse team, I charged as for two carts, and when I had a two horse team I charged as for two horses and carts, \$5 per day.

I suppose the deepest frost we went through last winter, in digging dirt, was from eight to ten inches. A man could load as many carts while the frost was in the ground as at any other time. The horses would haul from twelve to fifteen or sixteen loads a day, and I suppose we hauled at that time about eight hundred loads per day.

When I was cleaning the gutters about Broad and Washington streets, under my contract with the City for cleaning the streets, I charged for each cart, to the Board of Health, \$2.50 per day.

In taking up the ashes, under my contract with the City, I hauled them on that lot, and charged the Board of Health by the day for the carts, taking so many loads as a day's work for each cart.

When I dug cellars for other persons I charged them from eight to ten, and fifteen cents per yard, and hauled

the dirt to the lot, and charged the Board of Health at the rate of \$2.50 per day for each cart, and \$1.25 for each man.

Kain had a great many strange carts hauling dirt on the lot. A good bit of stray dirt went on the lot. Men were there to take an account of the carts. Our instructions to those men were to take an account of all the dirt that came there. Our object in having men there to take an account, was because if we took a contract we had a right to charge for all the dirt that went there, no matter how. In riding about the City, I instructed all the carters I could see to haul their dirt to that lot.

I charged the Board of Health for one horse and cart \$2.50 for every sixteen loads that anybody would haul there.

I don't know how much of our bill is made up in that way. My book of entry will show just as it is on the bill.

I can't tell from any book I have, how many days are charged for promiscuous carts that hauled there.

Some of the strange carts that hauled there we gave three cents, some six cents, some a shilling, and some nothing.

I don't know who filled up the lot at Eighth and Catharine streets. Everybody filled it up.

We filled up the lot from Broad to Sixteenth street. There was more than two acres.

Mr. Evans filled the best portion of his lot on the other side of Washington street.

I never stated to any member of the Board of Health what it would probably cost to fill up the lot at Broad and Prime streets.

[B]

November 4, 1857.

John Kain, sworn.

I am of the firm of Kain & Schaffer. We made a contract with the Board of Health to fill up the lot Broad and Prime streets. I under-

stood the parties were notified, and the notice run out, and it was then referred to the First District Committee, and they ordered J. T. W. McCallister, the Health Officer, to make the contract. We made the contract with Mr. McCallister, and the Committee signed it. There was a written contract. I don't know that it was customary to pay the Health Officer anything. I have made the Health Officer some presents,—sometimes $2\frac{1}{2}$, and something like that; sometimes he would collect bills, when we would do work for the Board of Health, and we would give him the odd change.

Mr. Schaffer paid a portion of the workmen at his house, and I paid a portion at mine.

A good portion of the dirt for filling up the lot at Broad and Prime sts. was from digging cellars, and some from Eighth and Catharine streets. We dug that from Eighth and Catharine below the grade, and then had to fill it up again. A portion of the Broad and Prime streets lot was filled in with coal ashes, which we bought from Mr. Bickley, and some that we hauled with our own carts. Mr. Schaffer had a contract for cleaning part of the City.

Q. When Mr. Schaffer was engaged in hauling coal ashes from different parts of the City, did he charge the same per day as for other carts?

A. I don't know. Mr. Schaffer kept the account of his own horses and carts. None of my carts ever hauled coal ashes for Mr. Schaffer.

We dug cellars at various places, and hauled the dirt on the lot Broad and Prime sts., and we charged the Board of Health the contract price for the horses and carts.

I think we knocked off work five or six days, on account of the snow. I kept nineteen horses last winter. We drove some single and some two horse teams. I generally have a cart for every horse; often some of them are not in order. Mr. Schaffer sometimes drove three horses to one cart. When I drove three horses, I charged the Board of Health for two horses and carts for each three horse team, \$5; and when I drove two horses to one cart, I charged for a day and a half, or

price and a half for each two horse cart. I don't know how many horses Mr. Schaffer kept.

We got a portion of the dirt from digging cellars at Eleventh and Carpenter, Schuylkill Seventh near Fitzwater, Chesnut below Schuylkill Eighth, Eleventh and Christian, Seventh street and the Railroad, Thirteenth between Carpenter and Prime, and I charged the Board of Health, per day, \$2.50 for each horse and cart employed in digging these cellars, and also for each man engaged in digging these cellars at \$1.25 per day. We did not dig any cellars for nothing; we got $12\frac{1}{2}$ and 15 cents per yard from the owners for digging the cellars named, the dirt from which was put upon the lot.

We paid Mr. Bickley twenty cents per load for ashes, and for every ten loads we charged the Board of Health \$2.50 for one day for cart and horse. We kept a person there to keep an account of the loads. We hired carts from Charles O'Neill, M. Bryson, R. Thompson, J. Mellon, and J. Mullin, during last winter and a portion of the spring. We hired them during the time we were digging the cellars and filling the lot. I was most generally with the men, me or my foreman. Fifteen or twenty loads a day would be a reasonable day's work for one cart in the winter, when the frost was three feet deep. I cannot say whether one man could fill two carts a day or not, during the frost in winter.

We never made an estimate of the cost of filling the lot.

Q. Do you say, upon your oath, that the men stood out every day during last February, and worked, as appears by your bill?

A. Whatever is in the bill is correct.

We never credited the Board of Health with what we got for digging the cellars. I have no knowledge of the number of loads of dirt put in the lot. I cannot approximate to the quantity.

I loaned Mr. McCallister, the Health Officer, money two or three times, and have his notes yet; \$100 at one time on his note for six days, and it was never paid; and \$50 on one occasion, and took his note for

that, which was never paid ; and I think \$20 or \$25 on another day. I never put his notes in bank for collection.

I don't know of my own knowledge whether there was as many horses and carts employed as are charged for in the bill or not. I am under the impression there was. Mr. Schaffer kept an account of his horses and I of mine.

I never kept an account of the number of loads hauled per day by my carts.

When we commenced filling the lot, we worked on the lot at Eighth and Catharine. When the weather was good, we worked elsewhere ; when it was bad we worked there.

A good deal of dirt was hauled there by other parties, who wanted a place to deposit waste earth. We did not pay anything for that dirt. We charged the Board of Health for it at the rate of a horse and cart, or \$2.50 for every sixteen loads that was hauled there.

We charged the Board of Health for levelling it.

I don't know how many of the charges in the bill are made up by carts who hauled the dirt on the lot for nothing.

Our instructions to our man was to keep an account of every carter that shot a load of dirt in the lot for nothing, and for every sixteen loads to charge the Board of Health with \$2.50 for one cart and horse.

The man who counted the carts gave them to Mr. Schaffer's son, who kept the accounts. I have seen the book they were in.

I never examined those accounts.

I used to go around to persons where they were digging cellars, and ask them to haul the dirt to us. We charged for all carts that hauled dirt there, whether we knew them or not.

I don't know that I have any account by which I could tell the number of horses and carts of my own that hauled there.

I can't recollect whether Mr. Gorbutt ever drew the money from the Treasurer for us or not.

Q. How many loads would one man, with horse and cart, haul per day in the summer season ?

A. I think if the carts would average ten loads per day, it would be a day's work.

We averaged the strange carts at sixteen loads per day, because we did not dig the dirt.

[C]

November 4, 1857.

W. J. Cushman, sworn.

Q. Do you know anything about a lot at the corner of Broad and Prime streets, filled up by the Board of Health? And did you ever make an offer to any one to fill it up?

A. I did make a proposition to the owners of the lot to fill it up.

I had been filling up a lot on the south side of Prime between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, belonging to my brother-in-law's estate, which was a part of the same pond owned by other persons. A Mr. Jarden, who was one of the owners, asked me what I would fill up the other part of the pond, or that part the Board of Health has since filled up, for. I told him I would do it for \$600. He made a verbal contract with me, but we were to have a written one, and I was to give security to do it for that sum. Mr. Jarden, however, about that time sold his interest in the lot to Mr. George Michener, who told me he would make the contract; but, after some few weeks' delay, he thought he could have it done cheaper by draining; and there the matter ended.

During the delay, I was employed by Mr. Michener to put some dirt in the pond, to prevent the Board of Health from making a contract to fill it up; but he subsequently declined going on with it.

When I commenced filling up the lot for my brother-in-law's estate, I at first paid two cents per load for the dirt; but, after more experience in the business, I found I could get it for one cent per load.

I put some twenty thousand loads on a lot west of

the depot, for about fifteen hundred of which I paid three cents per load, and for the remainder one cent, and less.

I filled a space of rather less than two acres, and about five and a half feet average depth.

I think I received between five and six hundred dollars.

I finished it in September or October, 1856.

My proposition to fill up the lot, which has since been filled up by the Board of Health, was made after I had filled up the lot on the north side. I had also filled up about one acre on the south side. It did not cost me more than four hundred dollars, and from my experience I thought I could fill the other, or Board of Health lot, which I think covered about two acres, for less money.

From my experience, there would have been no difficulty in filling up the Board of Health lot in six months, without digging any dirt specially for that purpose. I would have been willing to have made a contract to fill the lot in four months for six hundred dollars.

The dirt coming from cellars from different parts of the City would have filled it.

I supposed the actual cost to me would have been about four hundred dollars, and I should have realized about two hundred dollars by the job for my services, if I had made a contract to do it for the six hundred dollars.

[D]

November 6, 1857.

Robert Jarden, sworn.

Q. Are you familiar with the lot filled up at Broad and Prime streets, by the Board of Health?

A. Quite familiar. I was the owner of the lot when the work was commenced.

Q. What surface was filled up?

A. The lot that I sold was three hundred and ninety-

six feet by about an average of one hundred and forty feet. Eastern part had been filled up before the Board of Health commenced—comprising about one-fourth the area.

I think the part I sold was full one half, if not more, of the whole surface filled by the Board of Health.

I think the surface filled by the Board of Health was about two acres, and the average depth might be about six feet.

I had a proposition to fill up my portion of the lot for six hundred dollars.

I think the entire lot, as filled up by the Board of Health, is intrinsically worth about \$20,000—though it would not bring that sum now.

[E]

Thomas Daly, sworn.

I am the Surveyor of First District. Mr. Barlow and myself met about 9 o'clock, but, on account of the rain, we could not do much. We walked over the lot (Barlow, Armstrong and myself); did not come to any positive conclusion; could not well, unless we measured it, and then would have to bore.

I have frequently seen it; it was a large pond of water; don't know how deep; come to the conclusion, from the best information we could get, that it averaged seven or eight feet; some places said to be sixteen feet. I don't know how to tell, unless by measuring surface; by measuring surface, and then averaging depth, might come near it.

I think the lot could have been filled up without expense, if had waited—except a man to level.

If necessary to fill up in six months, might be worth more than \$5000; could not think without measuring.

[F]

October 24, 1857.

Thomas A. Barlow, sworn, as follows.

To-day was the first of visiting lot on Prime street, with Thomas Daly, and a Mr. Armstrong, who is familiar with this kind of work.

Mr. Daly and Mr. Armstrong seemed to be familiar with the surface that had been filled up or graded. We didn't come to any definite price as to what it was worth on the premises, which is very difficult; but, after walking over the premises several times, think that the work that was done by the Board of Health should not have exceeded \$5000. Either one would have done it for that.

Mr. Armstrong is familiar with the average depth. Did not estimate the number of yards.

Large quantities of dirt was put in free, without cost, by carts that were hauling from all parts of the City; it would not, therefore, be justice to the Board of Health to allow by the yard for all.

I think one thousand men could have been had who would have done it for the \$5000. That is a very liberal allowance.

[G]

October 30, 1857.

Alexander Armstrong, affirmed.

I reside Thirteenth and Catharine streets. Have resided there about thirty years; about four squares from the lot at the southwest corner Broad and Prime streets, filled up by Kain & Schaffer. I am a stone-mason and builder.

I could not say directly what the work done by Kain & Schaffer was worth. I am familiar with that kind of work. I know that dirt was hauled there from all

directions, for nothing. I sent a good bit there myself, for nothing. It was a convenient place for depositing dirt.

I think the way this lot was filled, and the facilities for getting dirt, I would have been glad to fill it up for \$2500, from the time I understand Kain & Schaffer commenced work there.

[H]

October 28, 1857.

Lewis Kugler, sworn, said.

I am a member of the Lazaretto Committee. Was shown bills of B. E. Carpenter, No. 447, amounting to \$229 25.

I went to office of Board of Health, one day, and these bills were presented to me to sign. There was some disturbance between B. E. Carpenter, the late Steward at Lazaretto, and J. M. Kelly, the present incumbent, and a Committee was appointed to investigate the removal of articles by B. E. Carpenter. Lindsay, McGettigan, O'Brien, and Woodward, and some other, were the Committee. Mr. Bornmann was with. They went down to Lazaretto. Mr. Carpenter said the vegetables belonged to him; so the Committee reported; and they made a statement that they were to pay Mr. Carpenter to leave the things remain in the ground. I contended that they belonged to the City, and that Carpenter only had the use of them while he was there. That was my reason for refusing to sign the bills.

I signed these bills (No. 447) because the old members (I being a young member) said they were correct. The vegetables were paid for, but I can't say how. I never signed the bills. I signed Kain & Schaffer's bills, when I first went in the Board, because I was told that they were correct; but if I had known as much then as I know now, I never would have signed their bills.

[Mr. Kugler here stated that he had obtained the original bills of Kain & Schaffer, in detail, and presented an abstract, as follows:—

From October 31 to November 15, 1856,	\$1505 00
“ Nov. 17 to “ 22, “	651 25
“ “ 24 to “ 29, “	845 00
“ Dec. 1 to Dec. 6, “	695 00
“ “ 8 to “ 13, “	713 10
“ “ 15 to “ 17, “	312 80
“ “ 19 to “ 20, “	242 50
“ “ 22 to “ 27, “	541 86
“ “ 29 to Jan. 3, 1857,	643 75
“ Jan. 5 to “ 10, “	820 62
“ “ 12 to “ 17, “	971 81
“ “ 26 to “ 30, “	405 00
“ Feb. 2 to Feb. 7, “	666 12
“ “ 9 to “ 14, “	722 50
“ “ 16 to “ 21, “	961 87
“ “ 23 to “ 28, “	856 87
Total,	<hr/> \$11,556 07]

I have no knowledge of any bogus bills. I don't know anything about payment of expenses of Sanitary Convention. I don't know anything of a purchase of Weaver, Fitler & Co.; don't know the handwriting of bill. J. O'Brien is Chairman of Lazaretto Committee. I saw some paints in boat shed at Lazaretto, but can't say who they belonged to.

Q. Do you know anything about bills of A. Johnson, \$125; W. N. Atwell, \$90; J. Galbraith, \$56; or J. Devenney, \$40 (bills shown him)?

A. I don't know anything about them. I never saw them before. I think there are six bargemen at Lazaretto. I never knew what the receipts of the office were until I saw it on a piece of paper since August. I think it was \$900 since August—one item. The receipts were never made known to Board. I don't know that anything has been paid for Sanitary dinner. I heard it said in the Board that these bogus bills were

to pay B. E. Carpenter for that dinner. I had no knowledge of this until this investigation commenced. In signing the bills for Carpenter, I was told they were honest bills, or I would not have signed them. With regard to the lot Broad and Prime streets, I contended it had not been finished; that it had settled opposite Seventeenth street. The Committee went there. Mr. Schaffer was there. He wanted, I think, \$850 to fill it up; and I proposed looking at it; and I told them it might lay that way for years before I would sign for that. They then received proposals. Schaffer's was, I think, \$550; Kain's \$650, and Mr. Thompson's \$250—and he was not to ask for the money until it was finished. So they gave him the job. I refused to sign B. E. Carpenter's bill for board of patients, June and July, \$189. I thought it was not correct.

[I]

October 21, 1857.

William Bonsall, late a member of the Board of Health, sworn. Q. Can you give any information in relation to the filling up of a lot at the corner of Broad and Prime streets, by the Board of Health?

A. After numerous complaints and petitions in relation to the condition of the lot at the corner of Broad and Prime streets, and after an examination and report by a messenger that it was a nuisance, prejudicial to public health, the subject was referred to the First District Committee, consisting of Messrs. Long, Gorbett, Raybold, Meany, and Coad. This Committee endorsed the report of the messenger, and estimated that the cost of the removal of the nuisance would be about \$4000. As the report was made in the month of September or October, 1856, and the appropriation for the removal of nuisances was nearly exhausted, some of the members of the Board endeavored to postpone action upon it, but a majority decided that the work should be done, and a resolution was adopted

directing the Health Officer to make a contract for it. Upon the presentation of the third bill, which, with the previous ones, amounted to upwards of \$11,000, the attention of the Board was attracted to what was deemed by many of the members the extravagant cost of the work, and that bill was referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Woodward, McGettigan, and Griffith, of which Committee the two last named made a report that the bill was correct—the report being accompanied with a resolution that a warrant should be drawn in favor of Kain & Schaffer for the amount. The resolution was not adopted, and the matter was referred to another Committee, consisting, I believe, of Messrs. Gallagher, Coad, Jewell, Roberts, and Bornmann, and, on motion, I was added to the Committee. The Committee endeavored to make a thorough investigation of the matter, and summoned Messrs. Kain & Schaffer to meet them with their books and papers. The explanation furnished by these contractors was not at all satisfactory to the Committee, and they so reported to the Board, and the report and a resolution discharging them from the further consideration of the subject, was adopted on the 3d July, 1857, and on the 4th July a resolution was offered and adopted, by a vote of seven to six, directing a warrant to be drawn for the amount of the bill. This day was the last business meeting of the Board which directed the making of the contract.

The Health Officer, up to some time in the month of April, 1857, made weekly reports of the sums received by him, and paid to the City Treasurer. I am not aware that this statement included any of the funds received by the Clerk. I do not think the Clerk ever reported to the Board anything in reference either to his receipts or disbursements.

As the President of the Board, I was not a member of any of the Committees, excepting the Fourth District Committee, and never went with that Committee but twice, in the examination of alleged nuisances.

I never, as President of the Board, signed any warrant, unless for a bill which had been previously re-

ported upon by the Committee on Accounts, and passed upon by the Board.

Q. Have you any knowledge of any bills that were made out to cover unauthorized expenses?

A. I am not aware of the alteration of any bills, in order to secure their passage by the City Controller; nor have I ever had any knowledge of the existence or manufacture of what are commonly termed "bogus bills."

[J]

October 31, 1857.

John McGettigan, a member of the Board, sworn.

I was not present at the meeting of the Board, when Kain & Schaffer's bill for \$4000 was passed. I was present when the other two bills passed. I recollect their passing the Board.

I don't know of any particular reason for the non-payment of the bill of \$12,000. I called the Committee together three times. The last time I wanted to get all the bills, to compare them, lest there might be some overlapping. I did not get the bills; they could not be found. I then offered a resolution requesting the Clerk to have them at the next meeting. At the next meeting, Mr. Kugler had them. The Committee reported the claim back to the Board, that the Board might take some action. I think Mr. Kugler objected to the bill.

Q. What was the opinion of the Committee as to the claim of Kain & Schaffer?

A. I thought Kain & Schaffer were entitled to their bill under the contract.

Q. Do you think the work performed by Kain & Schaffer worth the money they claim for it?

A. I decline answering.

When I first came into the Board, about the first meeting, I was told I was on the First District Com-

mittee, and asked to sign the bill. I signed it. Don't know whether a bill of items was presented or not.

The Clerk paid me small sums of money on two occasions, for expenses of District Committee.

Q. Do you know anything about bills of Amos Johnson, J. Galbraith, W. N. Atwell, or J. Devenney (bills shown him), for carrying mail, wood, coffins, and carriage hire for Lazaretto?

A. As to these bills, I always took the word of the Chairman of the Committee, as to their correctness, and I always signed them. I believe Johnson's to be correct. I don't know anything about Atwell's, Devenney's, or Galbraith's. I think Mr. Woodward handed me Mr. Galbraith's, and said it was correct, and I signed it.

I have no knowledge of any bills made out to cover unauthorized expenses.

I don't know how the bill of Mr. Carpenter, for expenses of Sanitary Convention, was paid.

I think I have received some small amounts from Mr. Gorbutt, to meet expenses of District Committee.

I never received any money from either of the Clerks, for the expenses of the Poudrette Committee.

[K]

October 31, 1857.

Dr. Wilson Jewell, sworn.

Q. Was the contract with Kain & Schaffer ever approved by the Board of Health?

A. I am under the impression it was confirmed by the Board—not by unanimous vote, but by a majority, which made it the act of the Board.

Q. Were the three payments of \$4000, \$4,347.57, \$3,204.36, made to Kain & Schaffer, approved and passed by the Board?

A. I am under the impression they were passed by the Board. I am not clear, but presume they were passed.

The last bill was referred to a Special Committee, of which I was one. That Committee reported adversely. I never believed there was such an amount of money expended in filling up that lot. We asked for the account book of Kain & Schaffer, and I objected to it, because that book was not what I would call a book of original entry. I was impressed with the belief that that book was filled with forced charges.

Q. How much was it supposed the work would cost when it was first commenced?

A. About \$1,000. Kain & Schaffer represented, previous to making the contract, that it would not cost more than eight or nine hundred dollars. They afterwards said it would take a good deal more money—I think then about \$2,000.

Q. Have you any reason to suppose that any member of the Board was interested in the contract?

A. I should be sorry to think so of any member. I have no reason to suppose so.

Q. Do you know of any bills made out to cover unauthorized expenditures?

A. I have no personal knowledge, except for one bill; it was a bill for carpenter work for City Hospital. It did not pass the Board while I was a member of it.

Q. Do you know how the expenses of the Sanitary Convention were paid?

A. I do not. I don't know whether they have been paid or not.

[L]

October 24, 1857.

Gavin H. Woodward, member of Board, sworn.

I think contract for filling up lot Broad and Prime streets was made in month of September, 1856, by Health Officer McCallister, in connection with First District Committee.

My understanding of the matter was this:—That

pond of water has been the subject of communication since I have been there, repeatedly. It was finally visited and declared to be a nuisance by the Sanitary Committee and the First District Committee; also the Messenger. I asked at the time what it would cost to fill up, and was told about \$4,000. I told them I thought it too much. Think I wanted to receive proposals, so as to contract. The contract was \$2.50 per day for man and horse, and \$1.25 per day for each man, with Kain & Schaffer. I thought it an outrageous price; that I had been down by the Baltimore depot, and come across a man—forget his name,—and he offered to fill it up for two cents per load. I told them that he would give security for that. The question was put and carried to give it to Kain & Schaffer. I think Mr. Bonsall's and my own vote in negative. I opposed it most strenuously. I think in latter part of 1856, or early '57, an appropriation of \$6,000 was asked to pay for that and other nuisances—\$4,000 for that and \$2,000 for others. In month of June a bill was brought in for \$3,204.36, by Kain & Schaffer. I objected to its payment.

1st bill, March 1, '57, was	-	-	\$4,000 00
2nd " May 8, " "	-	-	4,347 57
3d " July 1, " "	-	-	3,204 36

Amount paid, \$11,551.93; balance unpaid, \$12,861.79.

In July, when bill of \$3,204.36 was before the Board, it was referred to a Committee, and I was upon that Committee. I was absent from the City one day, and the Committee reported during my absence. When I returned, I was very indignant, and succeeded in having it reconsidered. It was then referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Bonsall, Gallagher, Jewell, Coad, and I forget who else. The Committee met and made a report, as I considered, against the bill. I endeavored to fight the bill with all my might, but could not succeed. I called the yeas and nays. Mr. Bonsall and myself voted against, and the bill was carried—seven to six. The lot was not completed—the nuisance was not abated. A resolution was offered that

Kain & Schaffer should suspend further operations; it was carried. I then introduced a resolution that proposals should be received for the completion of it, and that was carried; and there was some five, six or seven estimates, and the lot was finally completed for the sum of, I think, \$250; can't tell by whom. I visited the ground after Kain & Schaffer quit. I think the lot was more shallow. Could not tell the proportion filled up by the last contractor.

I know nothing of the purchase of iron bedsteads from Robert Hood. I am not upon the Sanitary Committee. I do not know any one of that name.

I do not know anything about the bills of Kerr & Boyd, or Hurly & Holl. I don't know them.

The receipts by the Clerk have always been attended to by the Office Committee. I am not on that Committee.

I decline answering whether bills have been rendered for one article, when it was ostensibly for a very different one.

I was acting Health Officer ten days or two weeks I think. The amount paid over was seven hundred and fifty or sixty dollars; the receipts for Health fees are very fluctuating. I don't know of any means of ascertaining the receipts by minutes.

The Health Officer and Clerk receive all money in office. I do not recollect the Clerk making any report of his receipts or disbursements. I do not know what the Clerk does with his receipts. I have never given the Clerk instructions not to divulge or disclose the manner of disbursing his receipts.

I was boarding with Mr. Carpenter during July, and paid my bill.

I decline answering whether the Clerk pays for refreshments out of his receipts or not.

October 30, 1857.

G. H. Woodward, re-examined.

Q. Do you know anything of a bill of Weaver, Fitler & Co. (bill shown to him), for Paints, Ropes, &c., amounting to \$174.75?

A. Mr. O'Brien presented that bill to me. I asked him if it was a genuine bill. He said it was. I said I thought it a very large one. He said it was according to the requisition of the Quarantine Master, and I signed the bill. The same or the next day I went down stairs, and asked Mr. Gorbutt for the bill, and took a copy of it in lead pencil. I went to Lazaretto Station, and asked Quarantine Master if those articles were received. He said they were, and showed them to me in the cellar. I think the bill is in J. O'Brien's handwriting. I think the signing to the warrant is in the same handwriting as bill.

Q. What bills were made up to cover the expenses of Sanitary Convention?

A. The amount paid to Mr. Carpenter on first September, 1857, was \$540.41. There is still a balance due him of \$42.54.

Among the bills made up to meet expenses of Sanitary Convention, were—Amos Johnson, \$125; W. N. Atwell, \$90; J. Galbraith, \$56; J. Devenney, \$40. They were bogus, but they were signed by the Committee, and passed the Board.

At the time this was done, I thought there was no harm in it; I thought Mr. Carpenter ought to have his money; but it annoyed me on account of Amos Johnson, and I afterwards went to him and paid him 125 dollars out of my own private funds.

[Amos Johnson's receipt produced for 125 dollars, dated October 28, 1857.]

Q. Which of the members were in the habit of disbursing money?

A. The Office Committee.

Q. Do you know anything of a payment to E. Friel of \$114.25, by the Clerk, from office receipts?

A. I have no knowledge of Mr. Friel's bill. I know that amount was paid to Mr. O'Brien, for brandy, whisky, and cigars.

Q. Do you know anything of a bill of Dallam, Baker & Co. (bill shown), amounting to \$21.63?

A. I don't remember that bill. There was a number of barrels of lime sent to Lazaretto Station.

Q. Can you give any further information in relation to filling up lot Broad and Prime streets?

A. At the time a resolution was passed compelling Kain & Schaffer to desist from filling up lot, I asked Mr. Kugler, who was on Committee, to call his Committee together and see whether we could not get dirt from lot Ninth and Chesnut deposited in the lot for nothing. I thought it might be done, and lighten the expense of those who had already paid too much. The proposals for abating the nuisance ranged from \$250 to \$2000. Kain & Schaffer, I think, wanted \$800, and when I heard that I said it was robbery.

I have no knowledge of the passage of the bills of Kain & Schaffer for \$4000 and \$4347 57, except from the minutes, although I was present at the meetings. If I had heard of them before the Board, I should have opposed their passage.

Q. What were the receipts of the Office during Mr. Gorbutt's term?

A. From January 1, to August 1,—

Permits cleaning privies,	-	-	-	\$2874
Interments,	-	-	-	167 50
Removing bodies down town Potter's-field,				200
“ “ Sixteenth and Wallace,				50
Fines not less than	-	-	-	200
Licenses, say	-	-	-	1300

(Say \$4700) \$4791

Q. What do you know about License Book?

A. I know that last Friday or Saturday, October 23d or 24th, I saw the book in the office on the desk. Yesterday (October 29th) I asked the Clerk for it, and he told me it was gone. I asked if he knew where it was, and he said no.

Mr. Gorbutt asked me if I remembered having destroyed a bill after it had come down stairs. I told him yes—that I had signed the bill in mistake, and tore it up.

November 4, 1857.

G. H. Woodward, re-examined.

When Mr. Gorbutt left the office, I asked Mr. Randall for the License Book ; he said he didn't know where it was. I sent for Mr. Gorbutt, and he told Mr. Randall "The License Book is underneath"—pointing down to a kind of secretary. The book was produced. I then sent for three or four of the cleaners ; they said that they had paid Mr. Gorbutt the license money, but had not received their certificates of license. They said that Mr. Gorbutt told them the licenses were in a little tin box in the fire-proof. Mr. Randall and myself examined the fire-proof, but could not find any. After Mr. Gorbutt left, Mr. Randall and myself went over the License Book, and I took a copy of the licenses which were said to have been issued, which comprehended the names of nineteen persons, or nine hundred and fifty dollars. There were some six or seven others besides these, who received licenses.

While Mr. Gorbutt was Clerk, I assisted him ; and he was standing alongside of me, on my left, when I made out one if not two licenses, and handed them to the applicants. I think it was in February, and as I was about putting the names of the persons upon the margin of the License Book, Mr. Gorbutt told me not to do it, because, if inquiry was made, it would be discovered that the licenses were issued, and that money was intended to pay for brandy, whisky, and cigars.

November 17, 1857.

G. H. Woodward, re-examined.

Q. Did you, at any time, destroy bills of Weaver, Fitler & Co., Thomas & Corfield, H. Funk, G. Swartz, Snyder & Co., or Dallah, Baker & Co., which, it is alleged, were paid by Mr. Gorbutt to Mr. O'Brien ?

A. I never destroyed but one bill, and that I think

was in the name of Lancaster, and the reason was that it was handed to me late one evening, by a member of the Lazaretto Committee, to sign, and I signed without looking at it. The next day I asked Mr. Gorbutt for it, as I thought it was not right, and I wanted to destroy it. He went in back room, and asked Mr. Boileau for the bills; he selected that bill out and placed it on the top of Mr. Boileau's desk; he then came into the front office, and told me where it was, and I went into the back office, got the bill, and tore it up in presence of Mr. Boileau.

I think the bill was made out in the handwriting of Mr. Gorbutt.

That is the only bill I ever destroyed.

I have examined, with some care, the Permit and other books in the office, and find Mr. Gorbutt received for

Permits	-	-	-	-	\$2852 50
Removals of bodies		-	-	-	250
Fines not less than	-	-	-	-	200
Interments	-	-	-	-	167 50
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					\$3470 00

And, from an examination of the Permit Book (the License Book having been carried away), I find twenty-six persons who have been taking out permits for cleaning wells—none of which could have been issued unless a license had been previously paid for, if the Clerk, Mr. Gorbutt, had complied with the law. Assuming, therefore, that this law was observed by Mr. Gorbutt, he must have received \$1300 for licenses; and, in addition to this, J. G. Kline and Mr. Righter received licenses January 14, 1857, by order of the Board, for which \$100 was paid—making the aggregate receipts \$4,870.

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October 24, 1857.

R. H. Gorbutt, late Clerk of the Board of Health, sworn.

Q. Can you tell anything about bills of R. Hood, for iron bedsteads for City Hospital, or Kerr & Boyd, or Hurly & Holl, for sheeting, shirting, &c., &c. (bills shown to witness)?

A. I don't know any thing about them.

Q. Does the Clerk report to the Board his receipts and disbursements?

A. Reports are made once a month by the Clerk to the Board of his receipts, and the disbursements are reported to the Office Committee. I can't say whether the Committee report to the Board or not. The records in office show the receipts and disbursements.

A portion of the receipts are paid to Health Office, and the balance was drawn upon for different bills for expenses of office—such as cigars, refreshments, &c.

I suppose the receipts were from three to four thousand dollars, from 1st January to 1st August, in my hands. There was not one-half of that paid to Health Officer—the balance was expended for refreshments.

Dr. Goldsmith's bill was filled up while I was in office; it is Mr. Field's writing.

Q. Do you know of any bills that were made out to cover unauthorized expenses, or altered with a view to secure their approval by the City Controller?

A. I know of one bill of Mrs. Harder, for drugs in 1856; Mr. Field put it in. The Committee ordered her to make the bill for 1857, so as to pass the City Controller.

I know of bogus bills that were passed by Committees and the Board; they were bills for which some consideration had been given, but not such as the Controller would pass, and they were altered and made to suit the different items of appropriation.

I had an impression that carriage bills were increased by members of the Board—that more carriages were charged for than had been ordered. The bills or war-

rants were sometimes drawn by members of the Board.

I never ordered carriages from Kelly. I think he called once himself for his warrant; the warrants were previously drawn by Mr. Griffith.

It was common for members to draw bills.

Q. Do you know anything about the bill and warrant of W. F. Patterson (bill and warrant shown him)?

A. I do not know any thing about it.

While I was a member of the Board, no report was made of the receipts or disbursements by the Clerk.

I have not been instructed by any person or member not to disclose the manner of disbursing the Clerk's receipts.

Q. Who made the contract with Kain & Schaffer for filling up lot south-west corner Broad and Prime streets?

A. The Health Officer made the contract, and the Committee merely approved it.

I don't recollect the cost of Sanitary Convention. A part of the expenses were paid by me out of the receipts of the office—between four and five hundred dollars. I have understood the balance was paid since—except the printing.

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October 30, 1857.

R. H. Gorbutt, re-examined.

Q. Do you know whether the bills of Kain & Schaffer ever passed the Board?

A. The two first bills were brought to me as having regularly passed. I do not attend the meetings.

Q. Do you know of any bills which were paid twice?

A. There was one bill, in the name of J. C. McCall, for liquors, 237 dollars, up to May 27, 1857, which was rendered the second time, in same name. I paid the first bill to Mr. Griffith; it had passed the Office Committee. I disputed the bill the second time, and told Mr. McCall I had paid it. He said he had never received the money, and I then paid it to Mr. McCaffrey, in presence of Mr. McCall. I think it was in May or June, 1857; some three weeks elapsed between the payments.

I can't say whether Mr. McCall is in that business or not. He was always about the Health Office; for the last payment he told me he would send a bill and receipt with printed heading; it did not come for a day or two, and he said he had given it to Mr. Griffith to give to me, but he never gave it to me.

Mr. Griffith was always in the habit of receiving Mr. Kelly's warrants; I never paid Mr. Kelly his warrants.

The License Book was in office when I left. I handed it over to Mr. Randall.

My accounts with the Board have never been settled. I asked for a Committee before I left, and there was a Committee appointed; two out of the seven met once, and, in consequence of a death in my family, I had to be away; they were to meet me the following Tuesday. I went there, but none of the Committee made their appearance, and I took all the receipts showing expenditures of office home, to secure myself.

I was absent from the City afterwards, when they sent a notice to my house, to appear at the office forthwith; they gave me one hour's notice. On the 15th October they sent me a resolution, requesting me to return all property, papers, &c., to the Board. I sent a reply, declining to give up the vouchers of my payments, &c., until they would appoint a Committee to settle my accounts.

I then received another note, requesting me to send the papers to the office, to be settled by them.

The Board passed a resolution requiring the Clerk to pay all bills that might be contracted by Office Committee, without being passed by the Board.

All the bills that I paid were signed by the Office Committee.

I think the receipts during my term of office were nearly \$4,000.

I paid Mr. Griffith \$100 for the hire of the steamboat—I think—Thomas Morgan, for Sanitary Convention.

When I first commenced at office, I took receipts in a book for all money paid by me; but the Office Committee objected to my doing so, and I discontinued.

The last bills I paid to John O'Brien was for \$386 or \$388, for expenses at Lazaretto. I have not the bills for this expenditure; they were destroyed. One was made out for a carpet, and I forget what the others were for.

November 10, 1857.

R. H. Gorbutt, re-examined.

I was told by the members generally, when I went in the office, to keep my books so that nobody could understand them but myself.

The payments by me to the several Committees, out of the receipts of the office, from January to August, 1857, were in the aggregate \$5262.06, and the receipts during same time were \$4400.

I paid to A. C. Roberts, a member of the Board from 13th Ward, \$204 76, for groceries, &c., in the name of Rheim & Bro.; these groceries were furnished by Mr. Roberts, from his store, Eleventh and Vine sts., and the bill made out in the name of Henry Rheim & Bro. Mr. Roberts signed the receipt. I don't know whether there is such a firm as Rheim & Bro. or not. There was a pass-book—(here exhibited)—with Mr. Roberts, for supplies from his store. The book was kept in the name of Rheim & Bro., but the goods were supplied by Mr. Roberts from his store. There was a bill due Mr. Roberts in name of Rheim & Bro. by that pass-book—(again exhibited)—of \$124.89, when I left the office.

I paid to Dr. Coad, for the funeral expenses of Mr. McCallister, late Health Officer, \$200; and also to Mr. McCormick, by direction of the Board, for funeral expenses of Mr. Marks, \$347.50.

I paid to W. B. Griffith, for liquors, on bills of Thos. Clark, December, 1856, \$119; and January and February, 1857, \$124; these bills were approved by Dr. Coad and W. B. Griffith; they were both receipted by W. B. Griffith.

The bill paid to W. B. Griffith for J. C. McCall was also approved by Dr. Coad and W. B. Griffith.

I paid to David Brown, for meals furnished by order of House Committee, Dr. Coad, Chairman,—

From November 26 to December 17, 1856,	\$75 12
“ March 11, 1857, to May 27, 1857,	233 50
“ June 2, “ to July 4, “	259 35

Total from Nov. 26, '56, to July 4, '57, \$567 97

I paid sundry bills, amounting to \$153 50, to B. E. Carpenter, for dinners and suppers at Lazaretto, by order of the Lazaretto Committee, from June 19, '56, to December 9, 1856.

I paid for cigars, by order of W. B. Griffith of House Committee, on April 4th, \$47 50; June 6, \$47 50; June 26, \$47 50; and July 15, \$47 50. Each bill was for twelve hundred and fifty cigars. It was Mr. Griffith's particular duty to furnish the cigars and liquors.

I paid to Mr. A. C. Roberts, by order from Mr. Carpenter, \$66 25, for supplies furnished to Lazaretto; and I also paid to Mr. Roberts \$45 for cigars, upon a bill in name of Henry Rheim & Bro.

I paid Mr. McCallister \$200 of my receipts, to be paid by him, under a resolution of the Board, to the City Treasurer; but this resolution was rescinded the day after its passage, and I, therefore, made no other payments to him.

I paid to Mr. Griffith, as Chairman of the Poudrette Committee, eight bills amounting to \$65 47, for expenses of Committee.

I paid to Mr. Griffith, for Mr. Kelly's bills for carriage hire, up to October 20, 1856, \$60 50; and for bills (Mr. Kelly) during months of November and December, 1856, \$68. These bills are all made out by Mr. Griffith.

I paid to J. O'Brien \$449.89, for the purpose of paying the bills of

Thomas & Corfield,	-	-	-	\$42 86
H. Funk,	-	-	-	76 05
Weaver, Fitler & Co.,	-	-	-	174 75

Snyder & Co.,	-	-	-	-	\$127 60
Swartz,	-	-	-	-	7 00
Dallam, Baker & Co.,	-	-	-	-	21 63

One of these bills—I don't recollect which—was originally made out in the name of J. Lancaster, a carpet man, and subsequently altered. I had vouchers or receipts from Mr. O'Brien, for the payment to him of these bills, but they were destroyed by Mr. G. H. Woodward.

The bills were before the Lazaretto Committee, up stairs, and passed by them and sent to me. I gave them to the Assistant Clerk to file away, and Mr. Woodward took them out of his desk; and when I questioned him about them, he said he had destroyed them after they had been paid and receipted.

Mr. Woodward said he had signed them in mistake. These were all bogus bills.

November 13, 1857.

Mr. Gorbutt, re-examined.

I received from the late Clerk, Mr. Marks, \$66.

The licenses are issued in April. I think I issued sixteen privy licenses, \$50 each. I received 200 dollars for removal of bodies from Twelfth and Carpenter streets.

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October 30, 1857.

John O'Brien, member of Board, sworn.

I am Chairman of Lazaretto Committee. Q. Can you give any information in relation to the purchase of a bill of goods from Weaver, Fitler & Co., amount \$174,75? (Bill and Warrant handed to him.)

A. The articles came from Weaver, Fitler & Co.; not in the name of the Board of Health; they were

bought in my name. I have been dealing with them for the last fifteen years and upwards. I keep most of these articles on hand and purchase them from Weaver, Fitler & Co., and I furnished them to the Lazaretto, in name of Weaver, Fitler & Co.

I signed the name of Weaver, Fitler & Co. to the warrant and countersigned it, and received the money from the City Treasurer.

I was not aware that Weaver, Fitler & Co. would credit the City, and I had most of the articles on hand, and what I had not I sent to their store and got from them; at that time the City credit did not stand very high.

Q. What information can you give in relation to a bill of Dallam, Baker & Co., (bill and warrant handed him)?

A. I sent my young man to purchase these articles; I also deal with this firm. I can't say whether they were purchased of Dallam, Baker & Co., or not; my young man purchased them; I drew the money upon the warrant for these goods. I bought the articles and paid for them. I think the bill was made out by my young man. I signed the name of Dallam, Baker & Co. to the warrant when I obtained the money.

Q. Can you give any information about the bill of Snyder & Co. (bill and warrant shown him)?

A. I think these articles went down to Lazaretto for use of bargemen. I think I made the purchase, or my young man might have purchased them.

The signature and endorsement on the warrant is mine. In name of Snyder & Co., I drew the money.

Q. Can you give any information about a bill of H. Funk (bill and warrant shown him)?

A. The nails in that bill, \$15.50, are correct; the other portion of the bill, \$61.95, is bogus; it was to cover expenses of eating and drinking at Lazaretto. I signed the warrant and drew the money upon it.

Q. Among the payments by the Clerk from the receipts of the office is an item of payment to E. Friel of \$114.25,—can you give any information respecting that payment?

A. That was for eating and drinking. I received the money from the Clerk. E. Friel lives at Spring Garden and Ninth sts.; he did not supply the articles; I supplied them. It has been the rule for the Chairman of the Committee to furnish or buy articles when they were wanted.

I sent 2000 cigars to Lazaretto for Sanitary Convention; others were sent. As Chairman of the Lazaretto Committee, I sent all the supplies, and a great many members found fault with me because I did not furnish more plentifully.

I don't recollect receiving more than \$5 in cash at any one time from Mr. Gorbutt for Lazaretto expenses, except for Mr. O'Rourke for carriage hire, and then I was authorized to collect for him.

All the bills that were paid by Board of Health, were presented to the Board.

I don't remember that the Clerk ever reported his receipts and expenditures to the Board.

I never instructed the Clerk to secrecy in regard to his accounts.

I never saw any bills except those belonging to Lazaretto Committee. I never bother myself about them.

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November 13, 1857.

John O'Brien, re-examined.

Q. Can you give any information about the receipt of money by you from Mr. Gorbutt, late Clerk of the Board of Health, in payment of bills of

Thomas & Corfield, -	-	-	-	\$42 86
H. Funk, -	-	-	-	76 05
Weaver, Fidler & Co., -	-	-	-	174 75
Snyder & Co., -	-	-	-	127 60
Swartz, -	-	-	-	7 00
Dallam, Baker & Co., -	-	-	-	21 63

A. I never received payment for either of those bills from Mr. Gorbutt. I know nothing of the destruction of any of those bills. I had heard of the destruction

of other bills—one of which was a bill of J. Lancaster, for carpets, and another a bill for stoves; I don't recollect the amount. I received the money for them from Mr. Gorbutt, to pay expenses at Lazaretto. They were to cover other expenses than that for which they were made out. Mr. Gorbutt suggested the name of J. Lancaster for the bill for carpets, and Mr. Curtis Clayton suggested a name for a bill for stoves, which I don't now recollect. I gave Mr. Gorbutt receipts for all money received from him, except the expenses of the Committee in going to the Lazaretto.

The whole amount of the expenses of the Lazaretto Committee, from July, 1856, to January, 1857, for cigars and liquors, was 350 dollars, and was received from Mr. Marks.

I received \$279.88 from Mr. Gorbutt, from March 18th to July 30th, 1857, for supplies for Lazaretto, including the bill in name of Lancaster and the bill reputed to be for stoves. This does not include the money received for expenses of Committee. Eighty dollars of the \$279.88 was for expenses of Lazaretto Convention.

The bills of Snyder & Co. and part of H. Funk's were bogus; they were made out to cover other expenses.

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October 31, 1857.

T. H. Town, sworn.

I am a member of the Board of Health. The bill of C. Burt Town is a correct bill. I signed my brother's name to the receipt. I do not know of any bogus or manufactured bills to cover unauthorized expenses.

Q. Do you know anything of any of these bills (here a number of bills shown him—among them Weaver, Fitler & Co.'s, Dallam, Baker & Co.'s, Snyder & Co.'s, H. Funk's, Amos Johnson's, W. N. Atwell's, J. Galbraith's, and J. Devenney's)?

A. I see my signature to a number of them. I don't know anything about them; they passed the Board, and I filled up the warrants for them.

I has not been customary to have the Clerk's receipts reported to the Board. The subject was agitated in the Board shortly after the new Clerk came in, and I think he was instructed to make such reports.

Q. Have you known any of the members to have received money from the Clerk?

A. No, Sir.

I do not know whether any of the members of the Board were interested in the contract with Kain & Schaffer or not.

[P]

October 26, 1857.

Edwin H. Fitler, of the firm of Weaver, Fitler & Co., sworn.

Was shown a bill in the name of Weaver, Fitler & Co., for rope, paint, &c., &c., amounting to one hundred and seventy-four dollars and seventy-five cents, and approved by J. O'Brien, G. H. Woodward, Philip De Young, and Thomas Meany, Lazaretto Committee. Says the goods never were purchased of them—never saw the bill before; was not made out in their store.

Mr. Fitler was then shown the warrant signed and endorsed Weaver, Fitler & Co. Says: Is a forgery; it never was written or signed by any person about our store. We have not furnished anything to the Board of Health. We never authorized any person to sign our names. The bill is fictitious, and the signatures on warrant are forgeries. The whole affair is a forgery, from beginning to end. The charges are very high.

[Q]

October 31, 1857.

Josiah W. Dallam, sworn.

I am of the firm of Dallam, Baker & Co. Our firm never furnished any articles for the Board of Health. Was here shown a bill, purporting to be for articles furnished to Board of Health by Dallam, Baker & Co.

Our firm never furnished these articles; the signature on the warrant is not by any person connected with our firm; we never furnished anything to the Board of Health; no such account on our books.

Q. Do you know of any person or firm in the Drug business, by the name of Geo. Smith, or Geo. Smith & Co.?

A. I don't know of any person or firm in this City by that name.

[R]

October 31, 1857.

Lewis Bornmann, sworn.

I am a member of the Board. I signed the bills of J. Galbraith, A. Johnson, W. N. Atwell, J. Devenney; the bills were before the Board. I don't know whether the articles were furnished to the Lazaretto or not. I found the Committee satisfied with them, and I signed them upon the assurance of other members of the Committee that they were correct, without any knowledge of my own. I think it was upon the assurance of Mr. Woodward that I signed them.

I have no knowledge of any bills, made out to cover unauthorized expenses.

Mr. O'Brien, W. B. Griffith, and Dr. Coad, were very active members of the Board.

I received a gold pencil from Mr. Gorbutt, late Clerk, a short time before he went out of office. He told me he was going to give one to Dr. Coad; I went with him to buy them, in Chesnut st., above Eighth st.; he paid \$30 for the two pencils.

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October 31, 1857.

Isaac Boileau, Assistant Clerk, affirmed.

Q. Can you inform the Committee who received Kain and Schaffer's warrants?

A. I know nothing about them.

Q. Do you know anything about manufactured or bogus bills, to cover unauthorized expenditures?

A. I do not. I never had any conversation among members upon that subject. I cannot say who among the members received money from the Clerk to pay office expenses.

I assisted Mr. Gorbutt in filling up warrants, when he first came into office.

November 19, 1857.

Isaac Boileau, re-examined.

Q. Do you know of any bills that were made out, approved, and afterwards destroyed, by any member of the Board?

A. I know of one bill which was destroyed by Mr. Woodward; it was a bill for Carpets for Lazaretto. I don't recollect the name; the amount was over one hundred dollars, but I can't say precisely.

I had a number of bills placed in my hands to make out a list, and among them Weaver, Fitler & Co., Thomas & Corfield, Snyder & Co., and others; these were all subsequently given to Mr. Gorbutt, except the one bill destroyed by Mr. Woodward.

Mr. Woodward asked me for the bill for Carpets and I handed it to him, when he said he had signed it in mistake and tore it up.

I never had any bills placed in my hands which were accepted.

When Mr. Woodward destroyed the bill referred to, he remarked that it was in the handwriting of Mr. Gorbutt.

[T]

October 31, 1857.

Frederick G. Frazer, member of Board, sworn.

I attended the meetings the first month after my election four times a week ; after that I was prevented on account of business engagements. I thought I had very little to do as I was not upon any Committees, and that was my reason for not attending the meetings.

I don't recollect that Kain & Schaffler's bill was ever discussed when I was present.

Q. Which of the members took the most active part in the business of the Board ?

A. Mr. Woodward takes a very active part, also Dr. Weir, Dr. Housekeeper, Capt. W. B. Griffith, and Mr. O'Brien.

I never purchased anything for the Board, and never signed a bill.

[U]

October 28, 1857.

Dr. B. Housekeeper, sworn.

Was shown bill of R. Hood for iron bedsteads.

A. I cannot tell whether they were furnished or purchased. I know my name is on the bill ; purchases are sometimes made by one member and sometimes by another. I think I have made some purchases. I don't know of Matron making any purchases.

Q. Do you know anything about Kerr & Boyd's, and Hurly & Holl's bills for shirting, sheeting, &c. (bills shown, amounting to \$201.12)?

A. I cannot tell anything about them. I don't know who purchased them. I am in the habit of signing bills as they are handed to me. I can't tell who made purchases for office. I can't tell anything about office expenses.

Q. What was the nature of expenses incurred by "David," for which money was paid him by Clerk?

A. I know nothing about receipts and expenditures of office. I have not been a member of the Lazaretto Committee. I don't recollect that the bill (as shown) of Weaver, Fitler & Co. was presented to the Board.

Q. Who presented bill to you (for your signature) of R. Hood, for Iron Bedsteads?

A. I decline answering.

Same question about Kerr & Boyd's and Hurly & Holl's bills.

A. I don't remember.

I think the Matron got the money which was obtained upon the bill made out for Iron Bedsteads.

Q. Did you know that the money which was to be obtained upon the fictitious bill of R. Hood for Iron Bedsteads, was to be given to the Matron, at the time you signed the bill?

A. I decline answering that.

Q. Did you know that Hood's bill was a bogus bill at the time you signed it?

A. I decline answering.

Q. Do you know any one by the name of Hood?

A. I do not.

I am aware that there was extravagance, and although I opposed it, I partook of it, and therefore must decline answering in relation to it.

Q. Do you know anything about a bill in the name of Geo. Smith?

A. I decline answering.

Q. Have members of the Board been in the habit of making bogus bills?

A. I do not know whether the Board is in the habit of making bogus bills or not.

Q. Can you tell how the money raised upon the bill of Weaver, Fitler & Co., was disposed of?

A. I do not know.

I don't know whether the expenses of Sanitary Convention have been paid or not.

Q. Do you know anything about Geo. Smith & Co.'s bill [No. 115, \$31.18,] and warrant—warrant endorsed G. Smith & Co., per B. Housekeeper [bill and warrant shown]?

A. It is my endorsement. I don't remember it. I do not know Geo. Smith & Co. I think I did not draw the money. I do not know such a firm.

November 4, 1857.

Dr. B. Housekeeper, re-examined.

Q. When you was before the Committee a few evenings since, and was shown the bill of G. Smith & Co. for medicine, you did not remember distinctly the particulars in relation to that bill; do you now remember who furnished the articles contained in that bill?

A. I decline answering; they were furnished upon Dr. Brown's requisition.

Q. Do you remember anything about the bill of Geo. Smith for medicine, and who furnished the articles?

A. I don't know that they were furnished at all.

There was a bill due Lydia Tomlinson of \$514.55, for Board of Patients, Nurses, &c., a legitimate bill for months of February, March, April, June, and July, and she got several warrants amounting together to \$512.40. I presume the bill of Geo. Smith was one for the purpose of paying Lydia Tomlinson.

Q. Do you now remember anything of the bill of R. Hood for Iron Bedsteads?

A. I do not know the signature of R. Hood; that was, I presume, one of the bills to cover Miss Lydia Tomlinson's bill.

Q. Do you know who signed R. Hood to the warrant?

A. Yes, Sir; but I decline to answer.

[V]

November 4, 1857.

Dr. S. P. Brown, sworn.

I was Physician to the City Hospital from October, 1856, to August, 1857.

Q. Do you know anything about any medicines furnished to the City Hospital by George Smith or George Smith & Co. (bills shown witness)?

A. I do not know of any firm of the name of George Smith & Co. The articles in the bill of George Smith of July 6, 1857, were never furnished; they are articles that we never used at the City Hospital. The bill looks to me like *what is termed* a bogus bill. There was no medicines furnished at that time. I was told that no medicines could be furnished, unless the requisition was signed by the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee.

I made one regular list, some time last winter, while Dr. McClintock was Chairman of the Committee. I was told to give the list to Dr. Housekeeper, by Dr. McClintock. Dr. Housekeeper furnished the medicines, and I think the bill in name of George Smith & Co. contains the articles.

The medicines, I think, were labelled in Dr. Housekeeper's handwriting.

I don't think there is any doubt about Dr. Housekeeper's furnishing the articles; there is no question about their coming from his store.

I never heard of any iron bedsteads coming to the City Hospital.

There were no patients admitted in July or August, and no occasion for medicines for that time, and there was a pretty good supply. Twenty or twenty-five dollars' worth of medicine would have been sufficient for the whole of last year, according to the number of patients.

There were fifty-six patients while I was there—eight deaths—and two burials by the Board of Health.

[W]

October 30, 1857.

Dr. William Gallagher, sworn.

Q. Do you know any thing about a bill of George Smith & Co., for drugs?

A. I do not know anything positive about this bill. I know that the physician at the City Hospital frequently made requisitions for medicines.

Q. Do you know anything of any bogus bills made out to obtain money from the Treasury?

A. I do not know positively of any such bills by officers or members, but I have suspected such was the case.

It was not customary for the Clerk to report his receipts or expenditures to the Board.

The disbursements were made under the direction of the Office Committee, and were not regularly reported to the Board.

Q. Do you know why the Board refused to appoint a Committee to audit and settle Mr. Gorbutt's accounts?

A. I can give no reason. I know for myself I desired they should be settled.

Q. Do you know of any iron bedsteads being furnished at the City Hospital?

A. I think there are no iron bedsteads in the City Hospital.

[X]

October 21, 1857.

Lydia Tomlinson, Matron of City Hospital, sworn. I am the Matron of the City Hospital; have occupied that position for eight years; there are no iron bedsteads in the Hospital.

When Dr. Stokes was Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, he recommended iron bedsteads, but I never made a requisition for any, and during the time that I have been there, no iron bedsteads have been furnished.

There was a requisition for fifty large size coffins last winter; they were furnished in two parcels,—the bills for which requisitions are made by me, and generally signed by me.

Since January 1, 1857, there have been about four persons buried in the Hospital grounds.

Bill, dated March 4, 1857, for \$195.80, for board and medical attendance of patients and nurses, and din-

ners for members of the Board and Committee, was shown witness. The amount for dinners was about \$55 or \$58; I furnished this bill detailed in items, as has already been the case, but the Controller refused to sign it in consequence of the item being in it for dinners.

The Clerk of the Board of Health then made out the bill in gross, and took me before the alderman, and I testified to the amount of the bill only.

October 24, 1857.

Same Witness.

Q. What do you know of a bill of Kerr & Boyd for sheeting, shirting, &c., \$140.12, items dated June 1, 1857, head of bill, August, 1857?

A. I do not know who purchased them; I made out the requisition. It was not this year I made the requisition; they were furnished early in 1856, but the bill was not paid then; I signed a bill in July, 1857, thinking it was the bill of February, 1856. No goods of that description have been furnished since February, 1856.

Hurly & Holl's bill was shown to witness, for articles or supplies furnished, in margin of bill, July 1, 1857, head of bill, August, 1857.

Witness says: I have no recollection of any other bill than the first bill of goods I referred to; I did not receive such articles as are referred to in this bill; do not know of such a firm.

Q. Can you furnish the Committee with the aggregate amount received for Board of Patients, &c.?

Witness handed a statement as follows: Bills to June 1, 1857, including Dec., 1856, \$736.79, and dinners, from that time to July inclusive, \$72.75; salary, including August, \$299.97.

Says: The Board of Health visit once in each month in Committee—sometimes the whole Board; I am allowed seventy-five cents each for dinner; have always itemized dinners in bills until December, but the Clerk altered it and made bills in bulk for Board of Patients, Nurses, &c.; have been paid up to July; since Decem-

ber I have always made out two bills, one for Board, and another for dinners ; have had no dinners since the new Board organized, except one in August.

[Y]

October 24, 1857.

Albert D. Boileau, member of Board, sworn.

Q. Do you know anything about (was shown) bills of Robert Hood, for iron bedsteads ; Kerr & Boyd and Hurly & Holl, for shirting, &c., &c.?

A. I do not know anything about them. I do not know any such parties. It is customary, when a bill is presented by the Chairman, to presume it correct. I have never made any purchases. Cannot give any information about the receipts of the office. I do not know anything about them. I signed the bills upon the assurance of other members of the Committee.

Special Committee had charge of Sanitary Convention. I opposed bill for expenses. I don't know anything about the payment of a portion of the bill to B. E. Carpenter. I think he has been paid for all his services.

I do not know anything about filling up lot Broad and Prime streets.

I never enjoined secrecy upon the Clerk with regard to his receipts and expenditures.

[Z]

October 24, 1857.

Wm. M. Randall, sworn.

I have been Clerk of the Board since August 1, 1857. The bill of Robert Hood (No. 398—\$49.50), for iron bedsteads, was shown him. Says : I don't know Robert Hood ; I don't know who called for warrant ; I filled up warrant which is signed Robert Hood ; don't know who made the purchase.

I do not know Kerr & Boyd, or anything about their bill. I received the Permit and License money in the office. I decline answering how I disposed of this money. I did not swear to tell all. I don't know the amount of receipts without referring to books. The books show the amount received. I think the books of last year are not all in the office. I have never paid any money to Health Officer or Treasurer. I receive the money for Permits and Licenses, and dispose of it by the direction of Committees and the Board. I would refuse to allow any member of Council or Committee to see the account books. I am so instructed by the Board, verbally by the President, and may have received same instructions from a dozen members of the Board. I am regarded as the Treasurer of the Permit and License fund. I decline answering to whom I have paid any money. I have some money in my hands now, not over \$25. Can't say what amount I have received since I have been in the office. I decline answering whether any of the money has been paid out or not. I have searched for papers of receipts of last year, but cannot find them.

The bill for expenses of Sanitary Convention has never been paid. I think there is a bill for English Ale in office.

No others in office receive money except myself and Health Officer. I decline answering whether I know or not that bills have been rendered for articles which it was known the Controller would not pass, but were altered to some other article so as to secure the approval of that officer. I do not know of any changes being made in the carriage bills. I decline answering whether any member of the Board suggested changes in the items of any bills. Members have sometimes drawn warrants for other parties.

Q. Do you know of any bills being made out by members or others for which no equivalent was given, commonly termed bogus bills?

A. I decline answering that question.

I have seen cigars; never paid for them; does not

remember whether money passed from his hands for that purpose or not.

There have been refreshments at office. I know how they have been paid for; some by members individually. I decline answering how the others were paid for.

David Brown is the runner; draws a warrant for his services. (Dr. McFadden and J. H. Handy's bill as Vaccine Physicians, shown.) I think they are Mr. Gorbutt's or Mr. Field's writing. (Warrant for Dr. Goldsmith shown.) I do not know the writing.

October 28, 1857.

Wm. M. Randall, re-examined.

Was shown the bill of Weaver, Fitler & Co. I think it is in the handwriting of Mr. O'Brien. I don't know anything about the bill; it was before my connection with the Board.

Mr. Griffith was in the habit of receiving Michael Kelly's bills.

B. E. Carpenter's bill (No. 447, for \$229.25) was shown witness. Says: It is a genuine bill.

Q. Will you state what the \$114.25 paid by you to E. Friel, out of the receipts of the office, was for?

A. It was for liquors. I think I paid the money to Mr. O'Brien.

Q. Will you state what the \$108.83 paid to R. England, out of the receipts of the office, was for?

A. It was for cigars.

Q. What was the money paid to "David," out of the receipts of the office, for?

A. The money paid to "David" was for refreshments.

David came to me and said he always received it from Mr. Gorbutt, and no member objected, and I paid him.

I had a statement of receipts (not expenditures) prepared to present to the Board at last meeting, but it was not presented; it was examined by Committee on Accounts, and found correct.

I examined minutes, and could not find anything of such reports, to guide me in my action.

Kerr & Boyd's bill, and Hurly & Holl's bill were made out to cover other expenditures; they were handed to me by the Sanitary Committee. I knew they were not legitimate bills. I was told so by a member of the Committee.

The bills of R. Hood and G. Smith were handed to me as signed by the Sanitary Committee. I afterwards learned they were bogus bills, and I drew the money, and paid it to Lydia Tomlinson, for expenses of Committees' supplies.

Bill 414, Amos Johnson, - \$125 for carrying mail,
 " 416, W. N. Atwell, - - 90 " coffins,
 " 417, J. Galbraith, - - 56 " wood,
 " 419, J. Devenney, - - 40 " carriage hire,
 were all bogus bills, to cover expenses of Lazaretto Committee; they were drawn by me by direction of the Committee, and I paid them to Mr. B. E. Carpenter, and took his receipt for them.

Q. Who gave those directions?

A. I don't remember distinctly; but Mr. Woodward was present when the orders were given to me, and he went with me when I paid Mr. Carpenter; he was present when I paid it to Mr. Carpenter. I think he explained to Mr. Carpenter how the money was obtained.

I received in the office, for Permits, &c., from Aug. 1 to Oct. 1, from 900 to 950 dollars, and I ought to have now 150 or 200 dollars.

Q. Has it ever been suggested to you to make out any bogus bills?

A. No, Sir.

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November 17, 1857.

Wm. M. Randall, re-examined.

The bill of J. Bramell, No. 397, \$75 00

" R. Hood, " 398, 49 50

" Geo. Smith, " 402, 30 40

The bill of Leonard Johnson, " 406, 37 71

Amounting to \$192 61

were to cover bills due Lydia Tomlinson for supplies to Sanitary Committee; they were all "bogus" bills; they were receipted for by Dr. Housekeeper, and I sent one of the messengers for the money and paid it to Lydia Tomlinson, by order of Dr. Housekeeper, and took her receipt for it.

The bill of R. Long, No. 410, for \$27.54, was for small articles purchased by Dr. Housekeeper, such as brushes, &c., and paid for by him in cash, and placed in one bill in that name. Dr. Housekeeper drew the warrant, and signed the receipt therefor. I don't know of any such person as R. Long.

Mr. Gorbutt told me he had received license money from Brannen, McAnenney, and J. Kain, but had never issued the licenses to them.

There is now a bill in the office, in the name of Jonathan Thomas, for brickwork, for \$29.75, in the handwriting of R. Field, one of the messengers, which was taken to the Controller for his approval and signature, but he refused to sign it until it should be sworn to, and it has since remained in the Health Office. I know nothing about the correctness of the bill. Mr. Thomas has never called for the bill to my knowledge.

The bill was handed to me with other bills when I first entered upon the duties of Clerk, by Mr. Field, who had been in the habit of making out warrants for Mr. Gorbutt.

[AA]

October 28, 1857.

Cornelius M. Donovan, sworn.

Q. Do you know any thing of a bill Weaver, Fitler & Co. (bill shown him)?

A. I never saw this bill before. I am a member of the Lazaretto Committee since July, 1857. The bill never was before the Board in my time.

Q. Do you know anything of a bill R. Hood, for iron bedsteads (bill shown)?

Mr. Donovan answers—I never saw the bill before. Looked at warrant: I can give no information about it.

Q. In the disbursement or cash account of the Clerk, there is a charge of \$50, paid to Mr. Donovan. Do you know anything about it?

A. I think it was for cigars; I know it was; it was handed to me, and I handed it to Mr. W. B. Griffith, in presence of Clerk; and I think the money was at once paid to the man for the cigars, in my presence. The \$5, received from the Clerk, was for Railroad tickets. I think the Clerk generally paid the money to Mr. Griffith. I heard the bill of Amos Johnson discussed in the meetings; I know nothing about it. I think there is a regular contract for carrying the mail. The Chairman of the Lazaretto Committee made all the purchases.

I did instruct the Clerk to keep everything connected with the office a secret; I received such instructions from the Board; no one was to have access except a member.

I do not know the writing in bill of Weaver, Fittler & Co. I think the bill resembles the writing of a member of the Board—think Mr. Woodward's.

Was shown signatures to Weaver, Fittler & Co.'s warrant; I do not know it. I do not know whether any part of the expenses of Sanitary Convention have been paid.

Q. Have you any knowledge of any bogus bills?

A. No, sir; I never heard of it until this examination was talked of. I never heard of a bill in the name of H. Funk. I do not know such person.

Q. For what purpose was money paid to David Brown by Clerk out of his receipts in office?

A. David provided the refreshments, and I think the money paid him was for that purpose. I think the Wednesday refreshment bills were \$8, and the every day lunches were about two or three dollars. These were discontinued under a resolution of the Board about six weeks since.

Q. Did you know anything of a cask of English ale being sent to the Lazaretto?

A. I heard a cask of ale was sent to the Lazaretto.

[BB]

October 24, 1857.

Dr. P. De Young, member of the Board, sworn.

Q. Do you know anything of a bill of Robert Hood for iron bedsteads?

A. I know nothing about it; did not purchase them; don't know Robert Hood, never heard of the purchase; the signature to the bill is mine; these bills (until recently) were often presented when the Board was in session; different bills. A bill, coming endorsed and headed as this is, I presume to be correct, and don't hesitate to put my name to it.

Kerr & Boyd's bill, and Hurley & Holl's, were submitted to witness with his signature appended. Says: I don't know anything of them or of the firms.

The Office Committee receive nothing, so far as I know, from the office receipts by the Clerk. The Clerk does not render an account of his receipts and disbursements. I do not know how office expenses are paid, or what becomes of money received by the Clerk.

I don't know, but presume, the money received by the Clerk for permits and licenses, is used for office expenses.

I have countersigned bills for expenses of Office. Present Office Committee is: Mr. Donovan, Mr. Griffith and myself. I am the Chairman; I have never received any money or disbursed it; I don't know to whom the Clerk (Randall) pays money. I don't know who has received it. I think no money has been paid to any one of the Committee in my presence.

Here read from printed rules, duty of Office Committee. I do not remember that I ever disbursed any money or received any.

I directed the Clerk to procure a new office carpet; but don't know whether he has procured it or not, or whether he has paid for it. I don't know positively what has become of the money received by the Clerk.

I never saw any member of the Committee receive any money. I don't know what becomes of the mo-

ney received by the Clerk. Office was painted some time in October or November; think by Mr. Hunneker; don't know how much was paid. I know of no agreement. I think I never was present when any contract was made in office. I remember that Mr. Griffith talked about painting for Mr. Hunneker. I presume Mr. Griffith made the contracts about the office.

October 31, 1857.

Dr. P. De Young, re-examined.

I received money from both Clerks, for Omnibus Tickets, one hundred and fifty dollars. I think \$140 from Mr. Gorbitt and \$10 from Mr. Randall. The money was distributed equally among the members.

It was by resolution of the Board.

I was the first to offer the resolution to dispense with eating and drinking by the members of the Board.

I voted for the Sanitary Convention, after being assured by Dr. Jewell, that Mr. Hagner had promised to get an appropriation of \$500 from Councils to defray the expenses.

I did not know that it was paid until this examination was commenced.

[CC]

October 28, 1857.

Dr. J. R. Coad, sworn.

Was shown R. Hood's bill, No. 398, \$49.50, for iron bedsteads, and asked for information respecting it.

I remember signing a warrant. That's all I know about it. I don't know such a person. I don't know R. Hood's signature.

Bill of Kerr & Boyd was shown witness.

I have no knowledge of it. I don't know the firm. I don't know whether the articles were purchased or not.

Bill of Hurly & Holl was shown. I have no knowledge of it.

Bill of Weaver, Fitler & Co. was shown. I remem-

ber when the bill was presented to the Board. I think I remember reading it at a meeting of the Board.

Was shown the warrant for Weaver, Fidler & Co.'s bill. I don't know the signature. Can't say that I recognize the handwriting of bill.

Was shown J. Galbraith's bill, \$56, No. 417. I have no knowledge of this bill. The Clerk, I think, once a month, makes a statement of his receipts, or when called for by a member. No statement is made of the disbursements. If called upon, the Clerk would make it. He has been called upon by the Board.

The payments by the Clerk to "David," were no doubt for incidental expenses of Board. I presume, occasionally for lunch, eating and drinking.

Q. Do you know anything about a payment by the Clerk of \$114.25, to E. Friel?

A. I have no knowledge of it.

Q. What do you know of a payment by the Clerk to R. England of \$108.83?

A. He sells cigars. I don't remember this payment to him by the Clerk.

There has been reports made by the Clerk, to the Board, of money paid by him to Health Officer. I don't recollect about the present Clerk, but former Clerk did. I don't recollect the amount. The mail was carried four months during Quarantine. I recollect the bill of Amos Johnson for carrying mail.

Bill B. E. Carpenter, No. 447, \$229.25, was shown witness. Says: They were regularly presented. I remember them, I believe, to be correct.

I am not aware whether the expenses of Sanitary Convention have been paid yet or not. I never had anything to do with altering bills so as to secure their passage by Controller.

Q. Have you any knowledge of such alterations?

A. I decline answering the question.

Q. Have you any knowledge of any bogus bills being made out in the office, by a Committee, or any members or officers?

A. I decline answering.

I do not know the amount received by Mr. Gorbutt.

while in the office, or anything near the amount. I was Chairman of the Office Committee last year.

I think I asked the Clerk occasionally about the amount in his hands. Mr. Gorbutt told me, but I don't recollect the amount. I have received money from Mr. Gorbutt, but do not remember the amount. I remember one circumstance, when I received money from Mr. Gorbutt, after the death of Mr. Marks, under a resolution of the Board. I can't state the amount. Think two or three different times. Can't state amount. I may have received other money. Can't remember amount or times.

Q. For what purpose was the other money obtained from Clerk?

A. I don't remember for what purpose. I think I received once for liquor. Won't be positive, but think myself or one of the Committee got it for liquor.

The money received by the Clerk is not paid to Office Committee that I remember.

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October 28, 1857.

Dr. J. R. Coad, continued.

A resolution was offered in the Board to require the Clerk to furnish the Board with weekly or monthly statements of his receipts and disbursements; but I don't think it was passed. I decline giving the reasons. I had a conversation with members after this resolution was offered, about the propriety of passing it.

Q. Was any arrangement entered into by members of the Board to prevent the passage of such a resolution?

A. I don't remember anything of that kind. A resolution of this kind was once passed the Board, and I had it reconsidered.

I did instruct the Clerk, as President of the Board, that all the business of the Board was to be kept secret, except to members of the Board.

Witness was here shown the bill of Kain & Schaffer in aggregate, and asked why the bill was not sent in items.

A. I think it was. I don't know whether I saw a bill of items for this or not. I have seen some items. I would put my name on a bill without seeing the items.

I do not know of any consideration having been paid by Kain & Schaffer to any member of the Board.

Bill Dallam, Baker & Co., for \$21.63, for drugs, was shown witness. Says don't remember seeing it before. May have read it before the Board, but don't remember it.

—
November 17, 1857.

Dr. Coad, re-examined.

Mr. Gorbutt paid Dr. Gallagher and myself two hundred dollars, which we paid to the widow of Mr. McCallister. The Board did not bury Mr. McCallister. The \$200 was paid to the widow—she being in distress.

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[DD]

October 28, 1857.

Dr. J. H. Weir, sworn.

Was asked in relation to bill of R. Hood, for iron bedsteads. Says: I know nothing about it; my name may be upon the bill; bills have been handed to me, and I have signed them; (after examining) the signing is mine.

Q. Do you know anything of a bill of Kerr & Boyd's for sheeting, &c., &c.?

A. No, Sir. I know nothing of any purchases. I have been Chairman of the Sanitary Committee for about two months; prior to that time I was a member of that Committee. I can't tell who made the purchases. Since I have been Chairman, I have ordered a pair of scales and two gallons oil. I supposed every thing straight, and when bills were handed to me, I signed them.

Q. In the Clerk's disbursement account of his receipts, there are three charges against you, one \$15 on 17th August, \$3 on 22d August, and subsequently \$21. What were they for?

A. The Sanitary Committee went four different times to Manayunk to examine nuisances. I think five visits altogether. All done for nuisances at

Manayunk; the three dollars was for sending Messenger out, and the \$15 and the \$21 was used for the Committee's visits.

[EE]

October 24, 1857.

David Watt, member of Board, sworn.

I can give no information about the bill of Robert Hood for iron bedsteads. I sign the bills upon the representation of some of the members, taking for granted they are correct. Is the first time I was in the Board. Everything is new to me.

I do not know anything of the bills of Kerr & Boyd, or Hurly & Holl, for shirting, &c., &c. I have no personal knowledge, except upon the representation of others. I am upon the Sanitary Committee. I have only met them twice. Never made any purchases.

[FF]

October 24, 1857.

Wm. B. Griffith, sworn.

Q. Does the Clerk of the Board make report or inform the Board occasionally of his receipts?

A. Most think he does—don't recollect particularly. I don't know anything about the money paid to David Brown by the Clerk; can't tell what it is for. I am on the Office Committee.

Q. Among the charges in the Clerk's account are several small sums paid to you. What are they for?

A. Expenses for Poudrette Committee when they are out at night; I don't know anything about the bill of R. Hood, for iron bedsteads, or Kerr & Boyd, for sheetings, &c.

A number of bills from Mr. Kelly for carriage hire

were here shown to witness, who said some were for Poudrette Committee, some Lazaretto, and some District Committee.

Q. Whose handwriting are Mr. Kelly's bills?

A. I don't know; I don't know the signatures. I don't know Mr. Kelly's signature. I don't know who made out the bills,—probably the Clerk or Assistant Clerk of the Board. Mr. Kelly sometimes drew the money himself, and sometimes I paid it to him.

Q. How often have you paid him?

A. That would be a hard question to answer, how often I have paid him; I don't know the amount; I have paid it to him a number of different times.

Q. How did you pay Mr. Kelly?

A. When I paid Mr. Kelly, I took it out of my pocket. I don't recollect whether I took any of his warrants to the Treasurer, and had them cashed or not.

Q. Have you any memorandum by which you could tell how much you paid Mr. Kelly?

A. I don't know whether I have or not. I might tell some and some I couldn't.

Q. What was the sum of \$108.83, paid to R. England for, by the Clerk, as appears by his disbursement?

A. I don't know as I can give any information about it.

Q. In the Clerk's disbursements is an item of \$114.25 to E. Friel. Can you tell anything about this?

A. I don't know anything about it.

Q. How were the refreshments paid for?

A. By the Clerk.

Q. On the 17th August is a charge in the Clerk's account of a payment of \$50. What was this for?

A. This was for cigars. I can't say the man's name who received the money; it was a man who was carrying cigars about the streets.

Q. Have you received any money from the Clerk?

A. I have at different times from present Clerk, and I received some from Mr. Gorbett, the former Clerk, for the use of Committees. I don't know the amount of the receipts of the office. I don't know, but suppose some portion has been paid to Health Officer. I never

ascertained, that I recollect, the monthly receipts by Clerk; we generally had confidence enough in the Clerk to trust to his honesty. I had. I cannot tell particularly what the money was expended for by the Clerk.

I cannot enumerate any of the purposes for which the money was expended. I have no information of the amount of money received by the Clerk.

Q. Have you been in the habit of stopping at Mr. Kelly's office, and making bills or memorandums from his books?

A. I don't recollect that I have. I have not been in the habit of doing so. I don't recollect making any bills from Mr. Kelly's books.

Witness was shown bill of J. Galbraith (No. 417, for wood, \$56), and asked what he knew about it.

A. I don't know anything about it.

I don't know of any bogus bills. I don't know Mr. Kelly's signature.

Q. Did you ever sign Michael Kelly's name to any of these (a number here shown) warrants?

A. When I sign Mr. Kelly's name, I put W. B. Griffith to it.

I might, and might not, have drawn Mr. Kelly's money. I have no recollection of sending messenger, or any one else to draw his money.

I suppose I have paid him the full amount of the warrants I drew for him.

I don't recollect anything about a resolution to require the Clerk to report his receipts and disbursements to the Board.

I have instructed the Clerk not to disclose any of the affairs of the Board, or its receipts and expenses.

[GG]

November 13, 1857.

John C. McCall, sworn.

Q. Can you inform the Committee who purchased a bill of liquors (bill shown) from you, March 9, to May 27, 1857, inclusive, amounting to \$237?

A. They were purchased of me by W. B. Griffith. I only received my commission upon the bill from Mr. Griffith. I never received any money in the Health Office, in presence of Mr. McCaffrey. Mr. Gorbutt never paid me any money, nor did he pay any money to any one in my presence.

I presume the money for this bill of liquors, with the exception of my commission, was paid to Mr. Clark, for whom I was selling. I cannot say precisely what my commissions were.

The only money I ever received in the Health Office, was from Mr. Griffith, and the amount was \$10.

The other bills, in the name of T. Clark, for liquors—one, \$119, the other, \$124, and receipted by W. B. Griffith, were shown to witness. I don't think I ever furnished the liquors contained in those bills. I furnished cigars, and W. B. Griffith paid me my percentage on the bills, except one bill. I don't recollect the amount. I charged for some \$40 per thousand.

[HH]

November 10, 1857.

F. J. McCaffrey, sworn.

Q. Can you inform the Committee anything about the payment of a bill to J. C. McCall, for liquors?

A. I have no knowledge whatever of such a bill. I only know of such bills as were passed by the Board and signed by me as a member of the Committee on Accounts.

Q. Did all the bills, paid by the Clerk, pass the Committee on Accounts?

A. That is a very difficult question for me to answer, either yes, or no.

I distinctly asseverate, under my oath, that I never received any money from Mr. Gorbutt for Mr. McCall; nor was there ever any money paid to Mr. McCall in my presence.

Q. Did you ever request Mr. Gorbutt to pay Mr. McCall any money?

A. I distinctly answer no. I have received money from Mr. Gorbutt. I could not inform the exact amount. I think about fifteen or sixteen dollars at one time, for a service which was rendered for the City of Philadelphia, for expenses in attending to the cleansing of the dock at Kensington Water Works. I think that was the only time I received money from him—to the best of my recollection, that was the only time.

Q. Did Mr. Griffith ever go to the office with you, and authorize Mr. Gorbutt to pay you any money?

A. One of the Office Committee authorized Mr. Gorbutt to pay me \$10; I don't recollect which member of the Committee.

Mr. Marks died in the latter part of December, 1856, and his books were a day or two behind hand, and I received the \$10 for attending to the duties of Clerk, from the time of Mr. Marks' death until Mr. Gorbutt was elected.

The two sums named are all I received, to the best of my knowledge and belief, while Mr. Gorbutt was Clerk.

I do not know anything of the bill of J. C. McCall, or of any money that was paid to him.

The fines imposed upon privy cleaners, for violation of Rules of the Board, were paid to the Clerk. The fine was sometimes \$10 and sometimes \$20. I have no idea of the amount paid to the Clerk for fines of this kind.

Mr. Griffith was in the habit of hiring carriages for the Poudrette Committee, as a general thing.

We have not often been called upon to hire carriages for Second District Committee. There was a difficulty about a bill for carriage hire while I was a member of the Board. I don't recollect the amount of the bill.

There was objection to a bill of Mr. Quigley, because he charged \$8 instead of \$4. The aggregate might have been \$40 or \$50; don't think it was over that, for three or four months.

[II]

November 17, 1857.

Captain John Vance, sworn.

I am Captain of the steamer Logan. The boat was chartered by Mr. Griffith, to take the Sanitary Convention to the Lazaretto Station. The contract was either \$50 or \$60; I don't now recollect exactly which. I received that sum in pay from Mr. Griffith; he said that was all that had been appropriated to pay for the boat. I wanted \$75; but he said, he could not give that, as it was not appropriated.

[JJ]

October 28, 1857.

Michael Kelly, sworn.

Presented a bill and says: This is a copy from my books of all charges that I have ever had against the Board of Health; showing from May 10, 1856, to July 1, 1857 - - - \$121
 From Jan. 2, 1857, to Aug. 14, 1857 - - - 153

Total - - - - \$274

There is about \$98 still due me on the bill as presented. Mr. Kelly was here shown a number of bills in his name, from the Controller's office. Says: I never made out any bills myself, except the last one, which is still unpaid.

I cannot tell how much I have received, as Mr. Griffith has some in his hands that he has not paid me.

Mr. Griffith was in the habit of collecting the bills, except the last one, of about \$25.

Warrant No. 438, dated August 31, was shown Mr. Kelly. Says: this is my signature. Was shown a number of other warrants. Says: they are not mine, and I do not think they are my son's.

October 28, 1857.

Michael Kelly, continued.

Sometimes men were sent from office for carriages, and sometimes Mr. Griffith would order them.

Mr. Griffith has made out bills from my books, and taken them when I was not aware of it. He always brought the money to me. I think he never asked me to sign a warrant, except the last one, for about \$25, which he handed me, and upon that I received the money from the City Treasurer.

[KK]

November 19, 1857.

Jonathan Thomas, sworn.

Q. Have you been in the habit of doing the repairs for the Board of Health?

A. I have made repairs to the property occupied by the Board of Health, and have rendered my bill for said work amounting to \$17 50, and that is all the work I have done for the Board of Health.

I have called several times for payment of the bill rendered, and was told the bill was lost or mislaid, and I then gave them a second bill; and when I again called, I was told I would get it after a while, but it has not yet been paid. I never took the bill to the City Controller, nor do I know that it has ever been presented to him. I have never been able to get any satisfactory answer in relation to my bill at the office of the Board of Health.

Q. Did you ever make out that bill, (bill now in office shown him, signed by P. De Young, W. B. Griffith, and C. M. Donnovan, for \$29 75,) or authorize any one to make out such a bill?

A. I did not make out that bill, nor did I ever see or hear of it before.

[LL]

October 31, 1857.

John N. Henderson, sworn.

I am the Health Officer. My salary is \$1200 per annum, and I have from custom 10 per cent. on all work done. I have not yet received it; the 10 per cent. is from the Contractor and not from the Board. For cleaning cess-pools, the Board have established a price, which is not increased by the 10 per cent.

I have never received any money from either of the Clerks.

Q. Are all the books and papers, now in the office, necessary to show the amount received by Mr. McCallister, as Health Officer?

A. I do not know. After Mr. McCallister was buried, Mr. W. D. Kelly, one of his sureties, in company with Mr. Coffin, Attorney, came to the office and opened a box belonging to Mr. McCallister, and took out near \$200, and took it with him, together with private papers belonging to Mr. McCallister. The money was counted at my desk in my presence.

Q. Do you know of any arrangement to secure from the City Treasury money upon bogus bills?

A. I was at the office one morning, some four or five weeks ago, and there were bills flying about there; part of the Lazaretto Committee were present. Mr. Woodward was one; the understanding then was, that they should be sent to the Controller.

[MM]

October 30, 1857.

Richard Fields, Messenger to Board Health, sworn.

Q. Will you inform the Committee who made out the bills of Dr. W. F. Patterson, Dr. T. O. Goldsmith, and Dr. Freeman?

A. The bills are all in my hand writing, by direction of the Chief Clerk, Mr. Gorbutt. I made out the warrants also. I don't know who received or signed them. I don't know the hand writing of Dr. Patterson, or

Dr. Freeman. I know the writing of Dr. Goldsmith. I would say the signing is not his.

I know these were among many warrants that were not called for. The bills are not the original bills. The original bills were lost. I think I saw the original bills. I don't recollect when the original bills were presented. I think the original bills were in the office and lost, and the Clerk requested me to make out a lot of the bills for the Vaccine Physicians. As far as salaries were concerned, it was the practice to make out bills in advance.

During Mr. Gorbutt's term, Mr. Isaac Boileau and myself made out most of the warrants in the office. Mr. Gorbutt instructed me to make out Dr. Patterson, Dr. Goldsmith, and Dr. Freeman's bills.

Q. Can you say who made out these bills and signed the warrants?

(A number of Kelly's bills were here shown him.)

A. The bill, January 2, 1857, \$5; January 14, 1857, \$15; February 10, 1857, \$5, and March 10, 1857, \$-. I think are in Mr. Kellys' son's hand writing.

The bill of March 25, 1857, \$20; April 16, 1857, \$10; April 28, 1857, \$18; May 19, 1857, \$18, and May 22, 1857, \$30, I think, are in the hand writing of Mr. McCaffrey.

The bill of July 9, 1857, \$10, I made out. I think Mr. W. B. Griffith drew most of Michael Kelly's warrants.

I made out other bills for Mr. Kelly. Mr. Griffith asked me to make out bills for Mr. Kelly. I have made out other bills for Mr. Kelly at the request of the Clerk. I think Mr. Kelly asked me to make out his bills. Mr. Kelly called often on me at office. W. B. Griffith generally brought Mr. Kelly's bills to the office.

November 27, 1857.

Richard Field, re-examined.

Bill of Thos. R. Goldsmith, Dr. W. F. Patterson, and Dr. W. H. Freeman, all dated April 1, 1857, and for \$8.33 each; and a bill of Jonathan Thomas, dated

July 31, 1857, for \$39.75 were shown, and witness asked, are those bills in your hand writing?

A. Yes, sir, they are all in my hand writing.

[NN]

October 21, 1857.

Dr. Jos. McFadden, sworn.

Was shown bill in his name, dated April 1, 1857, for \$8.33; the warrant is countersigned. Dr. McFadden says, he received no warrant at that time; that he was one of the Vaccine Physicians, but knows nothing of the warrant shown him, or the bill for which it was given in payment. He never made out the bill, and the receipt is not his hand writing.

[OO]

November 6, 1857.

Dr. W. H. Freeman, sworn.

Q. Did you ever furnish that (bill shown, dated April 1, 1857, for \$8.33,) bill, or one similar in amount and date, to the Board of Health?

A. Never. I have now eight months' salary due me; the signature to the receipt, and the endorsement on warrant for said bill, dated July 1, 1857, are forgeries of the grossest kind.

(This warrant is not receipted in warrant book.)

[PP]

November 6, 1857.

Dr. T. O. Goldsmith, sworn.

Q. Did you ever furnish that (bill shown, dated April 1, 1857, for \$8.33,) bill, or one similar in amount and date, to the Board of Health?

A. Oh, no, no! The signature to the receipt, and endorsement on the warrant, are undoubtedly forgeries.

(The warrant is not receipted for in warrant book.)

COPY OF BILLS ON FILE IN CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1856.

Board of Health,

To J. Esher, ch. com : on Office, Dr.

To supplies for office, - - - - \$118 80
(To which is attached the following bill of items :)

Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1856.

Committee on Office,

To David Brown,

Dr.

1855.

Dec. 26. Turkey, 2.75,	Partridges, 2.50,	Chickens, \$1.00	
Butter 1.65,	-	-	\$7 90
Lard 32,	Eggs 28,	Ducks 1.50,	Celery \$1, Bread 49,
			3 59
Oysters 6.50,	Venison \$2,	Cream 62½,	Cooking \$1,
			10 12½

1856.

Jan. 2. Turkey 1.75,	Butter 1.67,	Pigeons 1.25,	Ducks \$1,	5 67
Oysters 6 00,	Terapins 5.00,	Chickens 1.25,	-	12 25
Beefsteak 20,	Lard 32,	Eggs 28,	Bread 49,	Cream 62½,
				1 91½
Celery \$1,	Cooking \$1,	-	-	2 00
Jan. 9. Oysters 7.12,	Turkey 5.50,	Butter 1.35,	Cream 62½,	14 60
Tongue 75,	Bread 49,	Celery 1.00,	Fish 1.37½,	-
				2 61
Lard 32,	Eggs 28,	Cooking 1 00,	-	-
				1 60
" 16. Beefsteak 42,	Fish 87½,	Chickens 1.00,	Eggs 28,	2 57½
Celery 1.00,	Lard 28,	Turkey 4.50,	Potatoes 12,	-
				5 90
Bread 49,	Oysters 5.62½,	Cream 62½,	Cooking 1.00,	7 78
" 23. Turkey 4.50,	Oysters 4.50,	Butter 1 35,	Cream 62½,	10 97½
Cranberries 37½,	Potatoes 12½,	Lard 28,	Bread 49,	1 27
Chickens 1.25,	Celery 1.00,	Eggs 28,	Cooking 1.00,	3 53
" 26. Chickens 2.00,	Turkey 4.00,	Bread 45,	Cranberries 37,	6 82
Potatoes 12½,	Cream 62½,	Oysters 5.50,	Tongue 1.00,	7 25
Butter 1 37,	Eggs 28,	Lard 28,	Celery 1.00,	Grouse 1.50,
				4 43
Fish 50,	Cooking 1.00,	three bbls. Charcoal 1.45,	-	2 95
Dec. 25. Milk 90,	Eggs 1.50,	Butter 45,	Bread 25,	-
				3 10

\$118 80

Received Payment,

DAVID BROWN.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20, 1856.

Board of Health,

To Jacob Esher, ch. com on Office, Dr.

To Supplies for Office, - - - - \$84 48
(To which is attached the following bill of items :)

Philadelphia, Feb. 20, 1856.

Committee on Office,

To David Brown,

Dr.

1856.

Chickens \$1,	Turkey 2.75,	Venison 2.20,	Oysters 5.50,	\$12 45
Butter 1.27,	Eggs 28,	Celery 50,	Bread 50,	Cream 62½
				3 17½
Cooking 1.00,	Lard 28,	-	-	-
				1 28

Feb. 1.	Turkey 4.00, Grouse 1.50, Oysters 5.50, Fish 50,	
	Bread 50, - - - - -	12 00
	Cranberries 37½, Celery 50, Tongue 78, Cream 62½,	2 28
	Butter 1.17, Cooking 1.00, - - - - -	2 17
" 6.	Oysters 7.25, Fish 1.00, Turkey 4.50, Chickens 62½,	13 37½
	Butter 1.21, Eggs 37½, Potatoes 12½, Cranberries 28,	1 99
	Cream 62½, Celery 50, Bread 45, Lard 28, Cook-	
	ing 1.00, - - - - -	2 85½
" 13.	Turkey 3.75, Chickens 1.25, Oysters 5.75, Butter 1.25,	12 00
	Eggs 31, Potatoes 12½, Bread 49, Fish 1.00, Lard 28,	2 20
	Celery 50, Cooking 1.00, Cream 62½, - - - - -	2 12½
" 20.	Turkey 4.75, Chickens 75, Fish 1.00, - - - - -	6 50
	Tongue 75, Oysters 3.75, Butter 1.20, - - - - -	5 70
	Lard 28, Cream 62½, Celery 50, Eggs 60, - - - - -	2 00
	Cranberries 28, Cooking 1.00, - - - - -	1 28
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		\$83 36
Three barrels Charcoal, - - -		1 12½
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		\$84 48

Received Payment,

DAVID BROWN.

Philadelphia, April 15, 1856.

The Board of Health,

To J. Esher, ch. com. on Office, Dr.

For Supplies for Office, - - - - - \$72 48

(To which is attached the following bill of items :)

Philadelphia, April 15, 1856.

Committee on Office,

To David Brown, Dr.

M'ch 26.	Oysters 6.00, Turkey 1.75, Chickens 2.75, But-	
	ter 1.25, - - - - -	\$11 75
	Eggs 23, Lard 28, Cranberries 28, Celery 50, -	1 29
	Bread 50, Ducks 1.75, Cream 62½, Cooking 1.00,	3 87
Apr. 2.	Turkey 2.50, Oysters 7.25, Chickens 2.50, Ducks 1.75,	14 00
	Butter 1.20, Eggs 1.00, Celery 50, Cream 62½,	3 32½
	Bread 50, Lard 28, Cranberries 28, Cooking 1.00,	2 06
" 9.	Chickens 4.75, Oysters 7.75, Ham 40, Butter 1.20,	14 10
	Celery 75, Eggs 1.00, Cream 62½, Bread 50,	2 87½
	Cooking 1.00, - - - - -	1 00
" 15.	Oysters 7.50, Chickens 3.00, Shad 75, Ham 53,	11 78
	Butter 1.20, Cream 62½, Celery and Salad 75,	2 57½
	Bread 50, Eggs 1.00, Cooking 1.00, - - - - -	2 50
	Three bbls. Charcoal 45, - - - - -	1 35
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		72 48

Received Payment,

DAVID BROWN.

AN ORDINANCE

To Re-organize the Board of Health.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Board of Health, as at present organized, be and the same is hereby abolished. At the stated meeting of Councils which shall be held next after the passage of this ordinance, three citizens of Philadelphia shall be elected by each Council, one of whom shall be elected by each Council to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and the persons so elected, and their successors as herein provided for, shall thenceforth constitute the Board of Health of Philadelphia, and shall possess all the powers, and perform all the duties now conferred or enjoined by law on the said Board of Health, and shall serve without compensation. The terms of service herein specified, of the persons to be elected as aforesaid by the respective Councils, shall immediately after their election, be determined by themselves by lot. At the first stated meeting of Councils, held in December in every subsequent year, one person shall be elected by each Council, to serve for three years as a member of the Board of Health, as re-organized by this Ordinance. The said Board of Health shall elect annually a President of their own number, and also a Clerk, whose salary shall be one thousand dollars per annum, and three Messengers, whose salaries respectively shall be six hundred dollars per annum. The said Clerk and Messengers shall perform all the duties which are now by law or ordinance required to be performed by the Clerk and Messengers of the Board. And it is hereby expressly enjoined that all sums of money due, payable to, or received by the Board of Health, or any of its officers, shall be paid weekly into the City Treasury; and all sums expended by, or for the purpose of the Board of Health, shall be paid by the City Treasurer, upon Warrants drawn by at least four members of the said Board, under appropriations regularly made by Councils.

APPENDIX No. 18.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, Dec. 3, 1857. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with your resolution of the 19th inst., I have made an examination of the title of the City of Philadelphia to a certain lot of ground on the south side of Chestnut street, east of Till street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. I append hereto a Brief of the title, from which, it will be seen, two questions arise :—

1. Whether the trust, annexed to the grant, is within the statute of limitations.
2. Whether possession, adverse to the City, has been held for twenty-one years.

As these are questions which must necessarily be decided by a court and jury, I would advise that you pass a resolution, directing the Law Department to take such legal measures as may be proper, to ascertain and recover the rights of the City in the premises.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. PORTER,

City Solicitor.

SKETCH OF TITLE.

1808, March 10. Deed, William Hamilton of the Woodlands, to Daniel Smith, Andrew Pettit and James Traquair, for five shillings, and in consideration of the uses and trusts hereinafter set forth and declared for all those two lots of ground, No.'s 30 and 32, in the plan of Hamilton Village, situated on the South side of James street, containing together in front, on the said James street, 100 feet, (each lot fifty feet) and in depth 220 feet to York street.

"In special Trust and confidence, and for the sole use of building and erecting, or causing to be built or erected, a house, to be appropriated as an Academy or Seminary of Learning, for the instruction of youth, and for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever. Provided always, nevertheless, that if the said Daniel Smith, Andrew Pettit and James Traquair, their heirs or assigns, or the survivor or survivors of them, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, shall neglect to erect, build and finish the aforesaid Academy within the term of twenty years from the date hereof, then, and in that case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said William Hamilton, his heirs, executors or administrators, to take, occupy, possess and enjoy, the lots of ground and premises hereby granted, as fully to all intents and purposes, as if this present indenture had not been executed." Acknowledged April 1st, and recorded September 14th, same year, in Deed Book E. F., No. 30, page 575, &c.

1814, January 18. "The Talbot Academy, in the Village of Hamilton," incorporated under and in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of April 6th, 1791, and Matthew Carey, Chandler Price, Talbot Hamilton, Daniel Smith, Conrad Hanse, Joseph Reed, James McAlpin, Jesse Vodges, Nathan Jones, Benjamin Collins, George Rundle, John Crean and William Rose, constituted its first Trustees.

Vide charter book, No. 1, in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, pgs. 356, &c.

1814, July 22. Deed, Daniel Smith and Andrew Pettit to "The Trustees of the Talbot Academy, in the Village of Hamilton," their successors and assigns, for the said two lots of ground, Nos. 30 and 32, on the south side of James street, in Hamilton Village. Reciting the Trust and conditions of the foregoing deed, and further reciting that "the said Daniel Smith and Andrew Pettit, who survived the said James Traquair, had caused to be built or erected on the said lots, a house, and appropriated the same for an Academy or Seminary of learning, for the instruction of youth, and for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever, and procured an Act of Incorporation for the same by the name, style and title of the Talbot Academy, in the Village of Hamilton."

Consideration five shillings.—Acknowledged and recorded same day in Deed Book J. C., No. 30, page 531.

1815, July 12. Mortgage, "The Trustees of the Talbot Academy, in the Village of Hamilton," to Nathan Jones, to secure a bond of one thousand dollars, payable on or before July 1st, 1816, of "all that certain building, denominated the Talbot Academy, in the said Village, together with the lots on which the same is erected. Being the same lots of ground which Daniel Smith and Andrew Pettit, by deed, bearing date the 22nd of July, 1814, and recorded in Deed Book J. C., No. 30, page 531, granted to said Trustees *in fee*."

Signed by Matthew Carey, President, who certifies that he affixed the seal. No acknowledgment or proof of seal, recorded January 25th, 1817, in mortgage book M R, No. 4, page 544, &c.

In the District Court of the City and County of Philadelphia.

TRYON.	NATHAN JONES,	}
	<i>v.</i>	
JOS. REED.	THE TALBOT ACADEMY, &c.	}

Appearance Docket, March Term, 1826, No. 455.
Sci. Fa. Sur. Mge., Ex. 1 March, returnable 1 Monday in March.

“Made known to Matthew Carey, Esq.”

March 21st, 26. By order of Plaintiff's Attorney, filed judgment for want of an appearance—Eo. die. Judgment.

Aug. 12th. By writing filed, it is agreed, that the Sheriff's returns in this case be amended, by adding, after the name of M. Carey, “President of The Talbot Academy, in the Village of Hamilton,” and that judgment be entered for plaintiff. August 12, 1826, judgment.

EXECUTION DOCKET, June Term, 1826, No. 429.

		}	Levari Facias (M. 26, 455).	
			Real Debt,	\$1000 00
			Interest from 12	
			July, 1815.	
TRYON.	SAME		Att'y and Writ,	3 75
	<i>v.</i>		Sheriff,	1 75
	SAME.		Crier,	12
			Proth'y,	2 62
			Lev. Fa.,	75
			“Proceedings Stayed.”	
		}	Execution Docket.	
			Al. Lev. Fac. (Lev. Fac. J.	
	SAME		26, 429.)	
	<i>v.</i>		Real Debt,	\$1000 00
	SAME.		Inst. from Jan. 1, '23,	
		Costs,	9 75	

“Sold September 10, 1826, to Nathan Jones, for \$600.”

1826, September 27. Deed Poll, John Douglass, sheriff, to Nathan Jones, for the said lots, Nos. 30 and 32, with the building known as the Talbot Academy thereon erected, acknowledged in District Court, same day, and entered in book D, page 522, &c.

1834, March 1. Letters of administration *pendente lite* of the estate of Nathan Jones of Blockley, dec'd, were granted to Mary Jones (widow), and Lewis Jones. Vide administration Book O, page 119.

1837, July 15. Deed, Mary Jones, widow, with Ann Jones, Catharine Jones, and Lewis Jones, sisters and brother of Nathan Jones, dec'd, to Thomas Davis, John Deily and James Coxey, for "all that stone building generally known and distinguished as the Talbot Academy, and the two lots of ground on which the same is erected," under the following condition: "In Trust, nevertheless, to and for the uses, intents and purposes following: That is to say, that they, the said Thomas Davis, &c., shall and will, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, forever permit and suffer the members of the Baptist church in Blockley Township aforesaid, to hold, use and occupy *the whole* of the premises hereby granted, with the appurtenances to and for the uses and purpose of a *School, Academy or Seminary of learning, &c.*"

Consideration \$600, acknowledged same day—not Recorded.

1837, July 15. Mortgage, Thomas Davis, John Deily and James Coxey, to Ann Jones and Catharine Jones, for the said Academy and two lots of ground, to secure the payment of two Bonds, one to Ann, the other to Catharine, each for \$300, payable in one year.

Acknowledged, same day, and Recorded, November 25th, same year, in Mortgage Book, S. H. F., No. 8, page 99, &c.

Satisfaction on margin, Feb. 11, 1846, by Catharine Jones, for herself, and Catharine Jones and Lewis Jones, adm's of the estate of Ann Jones, dec'd.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

APPEARANCE DOCKET, June Term, 1845,
No. 153.

LEWIS JONES, <i>Adm'r</i> ,	}	Sci. Fa. Sur. Mge., (Rec. S. H. F., 8, p. 99.) Ex. May 4, Return. 1 Mon. in June. "Made known June 21, 1845." Judg't for want of an affidavit of defence.
CATHARINE JONES, <i>Adm'x</i> ,		
and CATHARINE JONES,		
<i>v.</i>		
THOMAS DAVIS, JOHN DALE	}	
and JAMES COXEY.		

EXECUTION DOCKET, same Term, No. 279, *Levari*
Facias, (J. 45, 153.) "Tarde venit."

SAME	}	Same Docket, Sept. Term, '45, No. 17.	
<i>v.</i>		Alias Lev. Fa. (Lev. Fa., J. 45, No. 270.)	
SAME.		Real Debt,	\$600
		Inst. from 15 Feb., '39,	
		Costs,	11 12½

"Sold to Mary Jones and Catharine Jones, for \$700."

1845, September 27. Deed Poll, Morton McMichael, sheriff, to Mary Jones and Catharine Jones, for "all that stone building generally known and designated as the Talbot Academy, and the two lots or pieces of ground on which the same is erected, situate, &c. Consideration \$700."

Acknowledged, same day, and Entered in Book T., page 364.

The title of Mary Jones and Catharine Jones is now held, as alleged, by Dr. Rufus Bicknell.

APPENDIX No. 19.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Guardians of the Poor, asking the transfer of certain amounts of items of appropriations, approved March 30, A. D. 1857, beg leave to submit the following resolution.

JOHN McMAKIN, *Chairman*,
GEO. WM. KELLER,
PETER FRAILEY,
JOHN G. SCHOCH,
THOS. I. POTTS,
N. NATHANS,
WM. NEAL.

Dec. 3, 1857.

RESOLUTION

To transfer certain items of appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the following items of appropriation of an ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of the expenses of that Department, for the year 1857, approved March 30, A. D. 1857, be transferred as follows:—

From Item No. 38, for yarn,	\$450 00
53, taking up hogs by Board of Health,	400 00
65, salary of Moral Instructor,	50 00
71, coal for Almshouse, and hauling,	3000 00
76, burial of small-pox and other cases,	100 00
79, board of patients at City Hospital,	1808 00

From Item No. 80, water-closets in Men's Lunatic Asylum,	200 00
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	\$6008 00
102, fuel for Tenth Division,	100 00
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	\$6108 00
To the following items, already exhausted, viz.:	
Item No. 14, incidental expenses of Hospital and Lunatic Asylum,	200 00
21, leather,	1000 00
30, repairs to Almshouse,	400 00
36, tobacco,	300 00
46, thread, cotton and trimmings,	300 00
49, seed and farming utensils,	200 00
56, incidental expenses of Almshouse,	200 00
61, salary of Messenger,	108 00
73, expenses in bastardy and sup- port cases,	2500 00
82, stationery,	800 00
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	\$6008 00
103, other purposes—groceries, &c.,	100 00
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	\$6108 00

APPENDIX No. 20.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Poor, to whom was referred the communication from the Guardians of the Poor, report:—

Having duly considered said communication, to-

gether with the estimates of the Department of Poor contained therein, propose the following amounts for the separate items thus contained, to wit.

JOHN McMAKIN, *Chairman*,
N. NATHANS,
ROBERT KELTON,
JOHN G. SCHOCH,
PETER FRAILEY,
P. MAISON.

Dec. 3, 1857.

ESTIMATE

Of the expenditures, constituting the amount which will be required by the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the support of the Department under their care, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight. (1858.)

For supplies in provisions and dry goods for the house generally, embodied and detailed in the following different items, viz.: No.'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, &c.

Item 1. Flour and Corn Meal, as follows:

3,800 bbls. flour, at \$5.50,	\$20,900 00
17,000 lbs. corn meal,	297 50—\$21,197 50

2. To beef, mutton, bacon and pork:

180,000 lbs. fresh beef, a 6½c.,	11,700 00
170,000 lbs. fresh mutton, 6c.,	10,200 00
20,000 lbs. salt shoulders, 8c.,	1,600 00
2,500 lbs. fresh pork, at 7c.,	175 00—23,675 00

3. For sugar, molasses, tea, coffee and provisions.

15,000 lbs. cod fish, at 4c.,	600 00
20,000 lbs. coffee, at 10c.,	2,000 00
8,000 lbs. tea, at 35c.,	2,800 00
8,000 lbs. white sugar, at 9c.,	720 00
50,000 lbs. brown sugar, at 7c.,	3,500 00
40,000 lbs. rice, at 4½c.,	1,800 00
10,000 lbs. butter, at 20c.,	2,000 00
5,000 lbs. water crackers, 5½c.,	275 00
500 lbs. pepper, at 10c.,	50 00
500 lbs. hops, at 12½c.,	62 50
400 lbs. lard, at 10c.,	40 00

8,000 galls. molasses, at 30c.,	2,400 00	
1,000 galls. vinegar, at 8c.,	80 00	
2,500 bush. potatoes, at 75c.,	1,875 00	
150 bush. beans, at \$2.50,	375 00	
15 bush. malt, at \$1.75,	26 25	
40 bush. salt, at 60c.,	24 00	
100 sacks salt, at \$1.20,	120 00	
1,500 doz. eggs, at 18c.,	270 00	
10 bbls. pickles, at \$5,	50 00	
Marketing for Old Women's Asylum,	350 00	
Marketing for Almshouse,	1,000 00—	20,417 75
4. For linen, woollen and cotton goods, boots, shoes, hats and combs, as follows :		
6,000 yds. sheeting muslin, 8c.,	480 00	
10,000 yds. shirting muslin, 7c.,	700 00	
1,500 yds. woollen flannel, 25c.,	375 00	
800 yds. canton flannel, 9c.,	72 00	
5,000 yds. calico, at 8c.,	400 00	
2,000 yds. ticking, at 15c.,	300 00	
200 yds. table diaper, at 12c.,	24 00	
300 yds. crash, at 8c.,	24 00	
200 pair blankets, at \$3,	600 00	
700 pair boots and shoes, \$1,	700 00	
100 doz. hose, at \$3,	300 00	
500 lbs. yarn, assorted, 90c.,	450 00	
200 lbs. thread & cotton, 80c.,	160 00	
500 assorted hats, at 25c.,	125 00	
Combs, needles and various trimmings,	300 00—	5,010 00
For medicine and supplies generally for the Medical Department of the Almshouse, as follows :		
5. For drugs and medicines	\$4,000 00—	\$4,000 00
6. For marketing and provi- sions for sick and nurses in Hospital and Lunatic Asylum	2,500 00—	2,500 00
7. For groceries, butter, lard, oat and cake meal :		
2,000 lbs. white sugar, 9c.,	180 00	

500 lbs. butter, 20c.,	\$100 00	
200 " lard, 10c.,	20 00	
6,000 lbs. oat meal, 4c.,	240 00	
75 bushels cake meal, 80c.,	60 00	600 00
8. For brandy, for use of the sick:		
50 gallons brandy, 3.50,	175 00	175 00
9. For wine, for use of the sick:		
300 gallons wine, 1.50,	450 00	450 00
10. For whiskey, for use of the sick:		
1,000 gallons whiskey, 40c.,	400 00	400 00
11. For porter, for use of the sick:		
2,000 dozen porter, 33c.,	660 00	660 00
12. For surgical instruments,	400 00	400 00
13. For leeches in the house,	200 00	200 00
14. For incidental expenses of Hospital and Lunatic Asy- lum, numerous small arti- cles,	200 00	200 00
15. For expenses of Children's Asylum, as follows:		
For marketing, for matron and employees,	300 00	300 00
16. For groceries and other provisions, as follows:		
400 lbs. sugar, 8c.,	32 00	32 00
120 " butter, 20c.,	24 00	24 00
17. For hats, shoes, linen, woolen and cotton goods, for boys' and girls' wear, as follows:		
200 lbs. yarn, 80c.,	160 00	160 00
1,000 yds. muslin, 8c.,	80 00	80 00
400 yds. ticking, 15c.,	60 00	60 00
2,000 yds. dress goods, for chil- dren, 10c.,	200 00	200 00
500 yds. satinetts, for boys, 40c.,	200 00	200 00
400 " cotton flannel, 10c.,	40 00	40 00
200 " woolen " 25c.,	50 00	50 00
150 " drilling, for boys, 10c.,	15 00	15 00
25 doz. hose, 2.00,	50 00	50 00
100 pair of shoes, 80c.,	80 00	80 00

18. For trimming, for children's clothing, and combs,	50 00	—	50 00
19. For school books,	50 00	—	50 00
20. For incidental expenses, embracing sundry small articles,	100 00	—	100 00

For the expenses of the Manufacturing Department,
as follows:

21. For Leather for the use of Manufactory, various kinds,	\$1500 00
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22. For Tallow and Caustic Alkali, as follows:

5000 lbs. Tallow, 10,	500 00	—	500 00
3000 lbs. Alkali, 10,	300 00	—	300 00

23. For Smiths' Coal, Iron, and Steel.

150 bushels coal, 20,	30 00	—	30 00
2000 lbs. iron and steel, 5,	100 00	—	100 00

24. For tin, glass, paints, varnish, oil, glue, brushes,	500 00	—	500 00
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25. For weaving utensils and tools,	80 00	—	80 00
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26. For shoe findings,	150 00	—	150 00
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27. For Chain and Filling.

10,000 lbs. assorted chain filling, 20,	2000 00	—	2000 00
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28. For Incidentals.

Embracing sundry small articles,	100 00	—	100 00
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For the expenses of the Farm, Blockley Estate, and House generally, as follows:

29. For repairs to heating and cooking apparatus, stoves, ranges, etc., in the different departments,	1500 00	—	1500 00
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30. For an apparatus for roasting coffee,	200 00	—	200 00
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31. For repairs in the several departments of the alms-house,	1500 00	—	1500 00
32. For plumbing in the several departments of the alms-house,	750 00	—	750 00
33. For furniture, chairs, and bedsteads,	300 00	—	300 00
34. For hardware and crockery ware,	500 00	—	500 00
35. For lumber for repairs in the different departments,	1250 00	—	1250 00
36. For Tobacco.			
7000 lbs. of tobacco, 15,	1050 00	—	1050 00
37. For Straw in the several Departments.			
20,000 bundles straw, 6,	1200 00	—	1200 00
38. For Yarn for Out Wards.			
500 lbs. yarn, 80,	400 00	—	400 00
39. For soap, candles, chloride of lime, and starch.			
5000 lbs. yellow soap, at 5c.	250 00		
200 " castile " at 12½	25 00		
200 " candles, at 15c.	30 00		
500 " chloride of lime at 5c.	25 00		
1000 " starch, at 8c.	80 00	—	410 00
40. For Oil in the different Departments.			
1000 gallons oil, at \$1.00	1000 00	—	1000 00
41. For brushes and brooms.			
75 doz. of assorted brushes, \$5,	375 00		
100 " " " brooms, \$2,	200 00	—	575 00
42. For horse feed (house.)			
500 bushels oats, 40c.	200 00		
150 " middlings, 90c.	135 00		
100 " corn meal, 75c.	75 00	—	410 00
43. For horse feed (farm.)			
1000 bushels oats, 40c,	400 00		
500 " middlings, 70c,	350 00		
300 " corn meal, 75c,	225 00	—	1175 00

44. For cleaning sinks and chimneys,	\$400 00
45. For portorage generally,	500 00
46. For a bake oven for use of the institution,	1200 00
47. For Blacksmithing generally,	200 00
48. For thread, cotton, and other trim- mings and clothes lines,	225 00
49. For toll,	60 00
50. For swill,	175 00
51. For seed, farming utensils, and repairs to same,	250 00
52. For manure, and repairs to meadow banks,	300 00
53. For board of assistant farmer,	130 00
54. For cost of taking up hogs, by Board of Health,	100 00
55. For taxes on premises, horses, cows, &c.,	500 00
56. For travelling expenses of house agent,	100 00
57. For the purchase of two farm horses,	250 00
58. For introduction of gas into the almshouse, including fixtures, from Darby road into and throughout the building,	7500 00
59. For incidentals, sundry small expenditures,	350 00
60. For boarding eight assistant resi- dent physicians, at \$4 each per week,	1664 00

61. For Salaries, as follows—House generally:

Steward,	1200 00
Clerk,	1000 00
House Agent,	700 00
Storekeeper,	600 00
Matron,	600 00
Baker,	450 00
Doorkeeper,	420 00
Agent's Clerk,	450 00 —5,420 00

62. For Salaries chargeable to Medical Department.

Chief Resident Physician,	2000 00
Apothecary,	850 00
“ Assistant,	650 00
Leecher and Cupper,	450 00
Engineer,	450 00 —4,400 00

63. For Salaries chargeable to Children's Asylum.

Matron,	\$400 00	
Teacher,	150 00	—550 00

64. For Salaries chargeable to Manufactory, Farm, and Blockley Estate.

Supt. of Manufactory,	500 00	
Farmer,	682 00	
Gardener,	550 00	—1,732 00

65. For salaries chargeable to Out-Door account :

Secretary of the Board,	1,200 00	
Out-Door agent,	600 00	
Do. for collections,	100 00	
Wagon driver,	468 00	
Messenger City Office,	420 00	—2,788 00

66. For salaries of Out-Door Visitors, as follows :

Two Out-Door visitors, at \$550 each,	1,100 00	
Eight do. do., \$500 each,	4,000 00	
One do. do.,	350 00	
One do. do.,	300 00	
Two do. do., \$125 each,	250 00	
Two Assistant Visitors, for the months of Jan'y & Feb'y, at the rate of \$500,	1,000 00	—6,800 00

67. For salaries of Out-Door Apothecaries.

Thirteen Out Door Apothecaries, at \$80 each,	1,040 00	—1040 00
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68. For salaries of Out Door Physicians.

Fifteen Out Door Physicians, at \$80 each,	1,240 00	
One do. do.	100 00	
One do. do.	120 00	—1460 00

69. Pay Rolls, as follows :

For wages on Pay Roll, chargeable to expenses,	1,920 00	—1,920 00
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70. For wages on Pay Roll, chargeable to Medical Depr't,	4,440 00	—4,440 00
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71. For wages on pay roll, chargeable to Children's Asylum,	\$525 00
72. For wages on pay roll, chargeable to manufactory,	280 00
73. For wages on pay roll, chargeable to farm,	312 00

Fuel for Almshouse, as follows :

74. For Coal for Almshouse, 2500 tons, and hauling same, \$4,00,	10,000 00
75. For Wood for Almshouse, 150 cords of oak wood, \$5 00,	750 00
200 " pine wood, 5 00,	1000 00— 1750 00
76. For expense of support and bastardy cases,	10,000 00

77. For Rent of Visitors' offices, as follows :

1st dist. office, rent per annum,	75 00
2d " " "	60 00
3d " " "	250 00
4th " " "	91 00
5th " " "	80 00
6th " " "	72 00
7th " " "	50 00
8th " " "	50 00
9th " 3 divisions, "	82 50
10th " " "	60 00—870 50

78. For cupping and leeching in the se- veral districts,	500 00
79. For burials of small-pox and other cases, in the several districts,	300 00
80. For ground rent of City Office,	180 00
81. For City Office expenses, including gas, water and repairs,	300 00
82. For costs of suits, in desertion and other cases,	500 00
83. For board and attendance of patients, at the City Hospital,	
84. For erection of water closets, in Men's Lunatic Asylum,	1,500 00

85. For carriage hire, to and from " omnibus tickets, to and from the Almshouse,	
86. For stationery, printing and adver- tising,	\$1,000 00
87. For removal of non-resident paupers,	400 00

For support and maintenance of the Out Door Poor, as follows :

88. For the First Poor District, for fuel,	3,000 00
89. For the First Poor District, for other purposes,	1,000 00
90. For the Second Poor Dis't, for fuel,	4,000 00
91. For the Second Poor Dis't. for other purposes,	1,000 00
92. For the Third Poor District, for fuel,	7,000 00
93. For the Third Poor District, for other purposes,	4,000 00
94. For the Fourth Poor Dist't, for fuel,	2,500 00
95. For the Fourth Poor Dist't, for other purposes,	1,000 00
96. For the Fifth Poor District, for fuel,	3,000 00
97. For the Fifth Poor District, for other purposes,	1,000 00
98. For the Sixth Poor District, for fuel,	4,000 00
99. For the Sixth Poor Dist't, for other purposes,	1,000 00
100. For the Seventh Poor District, for fuel,	1,200 00
101. For the Seventh Poor District, for other purposes,	700 00
102. For the Eighth Poor District, for fuel,	1,200 00
103. For the Eighth Poor District, for other purposes,	700 00
104. For the Ninth Poor District, for fuel,	1,000 00
105. For the Ninth Poor District, for other purposes,	500 00
106. For the Tenth Poor District, for fuel,	600 00

107. For the Tenth Poor District, for other purposes,	500 00
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	\$210,807 75
Less, rents of Visitors' offices,	870 00
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Total,	\$209,937 75

RECAPITULATION.

Supplies in provisions and dry goods for House generally,	\$70,300 25
Medical Department,	9,585 00
Children's Asylum,	1,691, 00
Expenses of Manufactory,	5,260 00
Expenses of Farm, B. Estate and House generally,	26,124 00
Fuel,	11,750 00
Salaries for House Department,	12,102 00
Salaries for Out-Door Account,	2,788 00
Out-Door Account,	53,580 00

APPENDIX No. 21.

Reported by the Committee on Market Houses, December 3d, 1857.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance, approved October 19th, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing the Department of Market Houses."

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That there shall be in the Department of Market Houses a Clerk, who shall be nominated, and, with the approval of Select Coun-

cil, appointed by the Commissioner of Market Houses, and removable at his pleasure.

SECT. 2. The salary of the said Clerk shall be five hundred dollars per annum, and he shall perform such duties as the Commissioner of Market Houses may from time to time direct, and such duties also as may hereafter be prescribed by ordinance.

SECT. 3. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the said Clerk shall give bond with two or more sureties, to be approved by Select Council, in the sum of \$2,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and shall take and subscribe before the Mayor, an oath or affirmation, that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

APPENDIX No. 22.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom were referred the estimates of the Fire Department for the year 1858, respectfully report the accompanying ordinance, and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
SETH AUSTIN,
JACOB MOYER,
JOHN P. VERREE,
WM. NEAL,
P. MAISON,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.,
JOHN B. MAKINS.

Dec. 3, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Fire Department for the year 1858,
and to pay certain claims incurred during the years 1854 and 1855.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that the sum of thirty-six thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Fire Department for the year 1858, for the following purposes :

Item 1, for salary of the Chief Engineer, five Assistant Engineers, and one Secretary,	\$4,000 00
2, for office expenses, gas, printing, advertising, stationery, books, and cleaning office,	150 00
3, for rent of office,	200 00
4, for expenses of the Board of Direc- tors, printing, stationery, adver- tising, rent and postage,	200 00
5, for carriage hire of the Visiting Committee of Trust and Fire Department,	150 00
6, for gratuities to the fire engines, hose, and hook and ladder com- panies, comprising the Fire De- partment,	30,000 00
7, for two alarm bells, one each for the 4th and 7th fire districts, and for hanging the same,	850 00
8, to the Spring Garden and Lafayette hose companies, each the sum of \$375, being the amount of ap- propriation due them for services to April 1, 1855,	750 00
9, to the Independence Hose Comp'y, two hundred and twenty-five dol- lars, being the amount of appro- priation due them for services to April 1, 1855,	225 00

Item 10, to the Moyamens'g Hose Company, seventy-five dollars, being the amount of appropriation due them for services to April 1, '55,	\$75 00
11, to the Kensington Hose Company, two hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount of appro- priation due them for services to April 1, 1855,	250 00

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, in the form and manner, and with the requisites set forth in existing ordinances, relating to the drawing of warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 23.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Special Committee, to whom was referred the resolution to “report an ordinance reforming the street nomenclature in such manner that no street should have two names, and no two streets should have the same name”—and was subsequently instructed to include all courts, lanes, alleys, &c., respectfully report, that the subject has claimed their attention, and they are satisfied there is an urgent necessity for the changes embraced in the resolution. That much confusion and perplexity must continue to result from the present system, will be seen from the facts ascertained by your Committee.

We find no less than three hundred and fifty-nine streets, lanes, &c., with others of the same name, and

this duplication of names is as follows:—one hundred and sixty-two names occur *twice*, ninety names occurring *three* times, thirty-seven names *four* times, eighteen names *five* times, nineteen names *six* times, fourteen names *seven* times, two names *eight* times, three names *nine* times, six names *ten* times, two names *eleven* times, three names *twelve* times, one name *fourteen* times, one name *twenty* times, and one name *twenty-three* times, making a total of over one thousand names to be altered, while, in numerous instances, the same street is known by different names, and in others, different parts of the same street have totally distinct names for each part. Such facts show the absolute necessity for immediate action, on the part of Councils, to correct the present evil, and to prevent a recurrence of the same hereafter. Strangers, and even our own citizens, experience the ill effects of this misnaming of our streets, in the vexation and embarrassment which it is constantly producing. In many cases it is not only impossible for strangers to find the residences of our citizens on some of these streets, but also in directing letters; these, when designed for Washington street in the northern part of the City, are carried from the Post Office, or Despatch Post, to Washington street, in the southern part of the City. Valuable goods and packages, sent from distant points, by Express or otherwise, instead of reaching their destination, must remain in the hands of the various transportation lines, to the great detriment of the parties concerned in their prompt delivery. The evil, we imagine, would never have existed but for the many municipal governments formerly included in the present City limits; each district having adopted the same name for streets within its own boundaries, and it is an evil for which consolidation should prove a cure.

The Committee have had under consideration “a remonstrance from citizens of Germantown to changing the names in that part of the City,” and as we have no authentic list of names, we think it advisable not to recommend any change in the suburban parts of the City.

Your Committee, therefore, ask the adoption of the following ordinance,

RICHARD PARKER, *Chairman*,
 WILLIAM NEAL,
 STEPHEN BENTON,
 JOHN Q. GINNODO,
 JOHN F. MASCHER,
 NATHAN NATHANS.

Dec. 3, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To change the names of certain streets, lanes, courts and alleys in the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the names of certain Streets, Lanes, Courts, and Alleys, shall be changed as follows:

Washington street, from Delaware River to Third street—Prime street from Third street to Schuylkill River, hereafter to be called Washington Avenue.

John street, from Front to Moyamensing Avenue, and Tidmarsh street from Eleventh to Paynter street, hereafter to be called Carpenter street.

Larch street, from Eighth to Ninth, above Prime, hereafter to be called Suffolk street.

Southwark street, between Seventh and Eighth, Wharton and Federal, hereafter to be called Enue street.

Moyamensing alley, between Ninth and Tenth, below Christian street, hereafter to be called Milton street.

George street, from Eighth to the Schuylkill River, hereafter to be called Sansom street.

Zane street, between Seventh and Eighth, and Farmer street, between Sixth and Seventh, hereafter to be called Filbert street.

Castle street, between Tenth and Eleventh, above Race, hereafter to be called Sargeant street.

North street, above Tenth, and below Vine, hereafter to be called Morgan street.

James street, from Ninth to Broad, hereafter to be called Noble street.

Morris street, from Broad street to Fairmount, hereafter to be called Spring Garden street.

Andrew street, between Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, (Fifteenth Ward) hereafter to be called Wallace street.

Franklin avenue, from Sixth street to Gunner's run, hereafter to be called Girard avenue.

Phoenix street, from Germantown road to Frankford road, and Duke street, from Frankford road to Norris street, hereafter to be called Thompson street.

Cherry street, from Germantown road to Queen street, hereafter to be called Montgomery avenue.

Lebanon street, from Germantown road to the Schuylkill river, and Coral street, from Front to Somerset street, hereafter to be called Diamond street.

Perry street, south of Spruce, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, hereafter to be called Dean street.

Chatham street, from Front to Broad street, hereafter to be called Berks street.

Lancaster street, from Broad street to the Schuylkill river, hereafter to be called Norris street.

Linden street, from Front street to Frankford road, and Queen street, from Frankford road east, hereafter to be called Richmond street.

Maiden street, east of Front, hereafter to be called Laurel street.

Penn street, in the Sixteenth and Eighteenth wards, hereafter to be called Delaware avenue.

Carpenter street, Lodge street, and Grape street, running from Sixth to Ninth street, above Chesnut, hereafter to be called Jayne street.

Cresson alley, from Fifth to Sixth street, below Race, and Haines street west from Sixth. below Race, hereafter to be called Cresson street.

Franklin Place, south of Market street, above Third, and Hudson's alley, south of Chesnut street above Third, hereafter to be called Hudson street.

Hanover street, from the Delaware river to Frank-

ford road, below Palmer street, hereafter to be called Columbia avenue.

Bacon street, east of Broad, below Buttonwood street, hereafter to be called Hamilton street.

Lewis street, west from Fifteenth above Walnut, and Jefferson avenue, east from Fifteenth street above Walnut, hereafter to be called Moravian street.

Centre street, west from Broad street below Green, hereafter to be called Brandywine street.

Fairview street, west from Broad below Spring Garden street, hereafter to be called Buttonwood street.

Adams street, south from Fitzwater, above Sixth street, hereafter to be called Alexander street.

Adams street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street, between Spruce and Pine streets, hereafter to be called Aurora street.

Adams street, north from Jefferson, to Montgomery below Cadwallader street, hereafter to be called Bodine street.

Amber street, north and south from Phoenix, and west of Frankford road, shall be called Adrian street.

Ann street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street, between Lombard and South streets, hereafter to be called Rodman street.

Ann street, from Wissahiccon to Charles street, between Francis and Vineyard streets, hereafter to be called Albion street.

Ashland street, from Union to Spruce street, between Second and Third streets, hereafter to be called Aberdeen street.

Aspen street, north of Lombard, above Twenty-first street, hereafter to be called Arnold street.

Adams avenue, from Thirteenth street below Buttonwood, hereafter to be called Adair Avenue.

Allen's alley, from 159 south Sixth street, hereafter to be called Alford street.

Allen's court, east from 159 south Sixth street, hereafter to be called Algier court.

Allen's court, west from 84 north Front street, hereafter to be called Allison court.

Allen's court, south from 150 Spruce street, hereafter to be called Alsop court.

Arch court, west from 178 Marshall street, hereafter to be called Armand court.

Ash alley, from Twenty-second street, between Market and Chesnut streets, hereafter to be called Barker street.

Atkinson court, west from Sutherland street, hereafter to be called Atlee court.

Atkinson court, from Pleasant street below Eleventh street, hereafter to be called Atwood court.

Bache's court, west from 180 Marshall street, hereafter to be called Backus court.

Baker's alley, from 55 New street to 70 Vine street, hereafter to be called Balch street.

Baker's court, east from York avenue to Little Crown street, hereafter to be called Baldwin court.

Baker's court, east from 49 New Market street, hereafter to be called Berwick court.

Baker's court, rear of Eighth street, between Fitzwater and Shippen streets, hereafter to be called Barlow court.

Baker's court, west from Cadwallader street below Phoenix street, hereafter to be called Bertrand court.

Baker's court, north from Pleasant street below Eleventh, hereafter to be called Benedict court.

Baker street, east and west from Sixteenth street, between Shippen and Fitzwater streets, hereafter to be called Bangor street.

Bank street, north from William street, (R.) hereafter to be called Beideman street.

Bank street, from Pine to South streets, east of the Schuylkill river, hereafter to be called Barnwell street.

Barker street, from Carpenter to Prime street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, hereafter to be called Bassitt street.

Beck street, from Swanson street, to south Front street, hereafter to be called Bulletin street.

Bedford street, (K.) from Frankford road to Hanover street, hereafter to be called Wildey street.

Baker's court, east from Lilly alley, hereafter to be called Burbank court.

Baker's court, east from Charlotte above George street, hereafter to be called Barnes court.

Ball alley, from 120 South street to 77 Shippen street, hereafter to be called Barrow street.

Ball's alley, from Delaware river to 391 north Front street, hereafter to be called Barr street.

Ball's court, west from 514 north Front street, hereafter to be called Bartell court.

Barclay's alley, from 190 south Sixth street, hereafter to be called Bartram street.

Barley court, north from 31 Barley street, hereafter to be called Bascom street.

Baxter's court, south from 120 German street, hereafter to be called Bastian court.

Beaver court, north from 37 Cherry street, hereafter to be called Bates' court.

Beck's court, north from 59 Coates street, hereafter to be called Bear court.

Beck's court, north from 41 Beck street, hereafter to be called Belfast court.

Beck's court, north from 7 Peg street, hereafter to be called Beaumont court.

Benner's court, north from 39 Cherry street, hereafter to be called Bedell court.

Benton court, south from 98 Prime street, hereafter to be called Bissell court.

Benton's avenue, west from Flower above Catharine street, hereafter to be called Atkins Avenue.

Benton's lane, east from south Front street above Reed, hereafter to be called Bloomer street.

Berk's court, rear 69 Lawrence street, hereafter to be called Blake court.

Biddle's alley, from 78 Market street to Elbow lane, hereafter to be called Ashhurst street.

Binder's court, west from Queen, above Cherry street, hereafter to be called Block court.

Bird's avenue, west from Raspberry street, above Spruce street, hereafter to be called Bliss street.

Black Horse alley, from 202 South street to Bedford street, hereafter to be called Asbury street.

Bladen's court, south from Spruce, below Little Dock street, hereafter to be called Bonham court.

Bond's court from 15 Laurel street, hereafter to be called Bonner court.

Bowman's court, in Rachel street, hereafter to be called Bower court.

Boyd's alley, from rear 119 North Eleventh street to Wiley court, hereafter to be called Bosler street.

Boyd's court, from 3 South Tenth street, hereafter to be called Boyer court.

Boyd's court, south from South street to Bedford street, hereafter to be called Brace court.

Boyle's court, east from 79 Passyunk road, hereafter to be called Bramble court.

Boyle's court, west from Seventeenth, below Christian street, hereafter to be called Bowen court.

Branch alley, from 5 Madison street, hereafter to be called Brigg's street.

Bonsall street, from Ninth to Tenth street, above South street, hereafter to be called Rodman street.

Benton street, from School to William street, hereafter to be called Chenango street.

Benton street, from High's court to Linden street, hereafter to be called Cowper street.

Brown street, from Budden's to Walnut alley, between Thirteenth and Juniper streets, hereafter to be called Marston street.

Brown street, east of Hanover, below Duke street, hereafter to be called Moyer street.

Brown street, north from Gunner's Run, above Salmon street, (R.) hereafter to be called Edgemont street.

Budd street, south from Haverford to Bridge street, hereafter to be called French street.

Burn's street, north from Columbia street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, hereafter to be called Fawn street.

Brazier's court, from Pascal alley, above Fourth street, hereafter to be called Beekman court.

Brazier's avenue, west from Twenty-second, above Callowhill street, hereafter to be called Barney avenue.

Brinton alley, east from Eleventh street to Ridge avenue, above Callowhill street, hereafter to be called Bates street.

Britton's alley, south from Bedford to Shippen street, below Eighth street, to be hereafter called Bine's alley.

Brook's court, west from 126 North Front street, to be hereafter called Battin court.

Brook's court, west from St. Joseph's avenue, west of Eighteenth street, to be hereafter called Beale court.

Brown court, Marshall street, above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Baynon court.

Brown's court, north from 93 Race street, hereafter to be called Bean's court.

Brown's court, north from Carlton street, below Broad street, hereafter to be called Bedlow court.

Brown's court, south from 226 Lombard street, hereafter to be called Ballston court.

Brown's court, west from Twenty-third street, above Callowhill street, hereafter to be called Brolaskie court.

Browne's court, east from 19 New Market street, hereafter to be called Bristow court.

Bryan's court, south from 102 Cherry street, hereafter to be called Brinkley court.

Buchanan place, east from 43 George street, hereafter to be called Bristol place.

Burd's court, south from 124 Locust street, hereafter to be called Brier court.

Burd's alley, from Raspberry to Watson alley, hereafter to be called Brogan street.

Burr's court, north from Pleasant street, above Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Bride court.

Burr's court, west from Hanover, between Duke and Franklin streets, hereafter to be called Burgess court.

Butler's court, south of Locust street, west of Ninth street, hereafter to be called Berry court.

Butler's place, south from George street, west of Tenth street, hereafter to be called Burgoyne place.

Buttonwood alley, from North Thirteenth to Juniper street, near Market street, hereafter to be called Button street.

Cadwalader avenue, south from Oxford street, below Broad street, hereafter to be called Cadbury avenue.

Campbell's court, west from Nineteenth street, near Carpenter street, hereafter to be called Cadmus court.

Carbon place, south from Race street, west of Broad street, hereafter to be called Cliff place.

Campbell's court, north from 71 German street, hereafter to be called Catlin court.

Carlisle court, south from 224 Coates street, hereafter to be called Cade court.

Carpenter's alley, north from 105 Catharine street, hereafter to be called Cain court.

Carpenter's court, north of 93 Carpenter street, hereafter to be called Coke's court.

Carpenter's court, south from Chesnut street, below Fourth street, hereafter to be called Congress court.

Carpenter's court, east from North Fifth street, below Buttonwood street, hereafter to be called Cahill court.

Carroll avenue, south from Carroll street, above Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Cairn's avenue.

Carroll court, south from Lemon street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, hereafter to be called Calvert court.

Carroll's court, Fourth street, near Germantown Road, hereafter to be called Cameron court.

Carson court, from Brown above North Fourth street, hereafter to be called Camp court.

Canal street, North of Master, near High Bridge, hereafter to be called Harbor street.

Carter's alley, east from Thirteenth street, near Wood street, hereafter to be called Cramp alley.

Cauffman's court, south from 14 Cherry street, hereafter to be called Cantwell court.

Centre alley, from south Eleventh street to Quince

street, below Walnut street, hereafter to be called Canning street.

Charles' place, Willow, above Charles street, hereafter to be called Cannon place.

Chester court, from Eleventh street, below Coates street, hereafter to be called Cantman court.

Christians' court, west from 328 south Front street, hereafter to be called Cohen court.

Church alley, from Arch street to 142 Cherry street, hereafter to be called Carman court.

Church avenue, east from Juniper street above Locust street, hereafter to be called Carney avenue.

Church avenue, east from Broad street, below Brown street, hereafter to be called Carsell avenue.

Church avenue, north from Lombard street, east of Twentieth street, hereafter to be called Carty avenue.

Clare alley, from north Thirteenth street to Juniper street, below Vine street, hereafter to be called Cartmill street.

Clare's court, from east Charles street, to Washington street, above Sixth street, hereafter to be called Carswell court.

Clark's court, north from Johnson's lane, above Fourth street, hereafter to be called Caruth court.

Clark's avenue, south from Wood street to Pearl street, above Twentieth street, hereafter to be called Caseltine avenue.

Clay avenue, north from Orchard street, above Culvert street, hereafter to be called Castner avenue.

Clay court, north from Hanover street, below Franklin street, hereafter to be called Cassion court.

Clinton avenue, north from Pearl street, below Twentieth street, hereafter to be called Cattell avenue.

Coates alley, from 134 north Front street to 151 north Second street, hereafter to be called Craven street.

Coates court, east from 31 New Market street, hereafter to be called Chance court.

Cobb's court, west from Fourth street, south of Poplar street, hereafter to be called Chadwick court.

College avenue, east from Tenth street below Market, hereafter to be called Chant street.

Collins alley, from 403 south Front street to Swanson street, hereafter to be called Chapman street.

Collins court, west from Nixon street, (F. M.) hereafter to be called Chase court.

Coombs court, north from 35 German street, hereafter to be called Childs' court.

Cooper's court, north from Shippen street below Ninth street, hereafter to be called Chur court.

Cooper's court, from 408 north Front street, hereafter to be called Claghorn court.

Coxe's court, east from Dunton street above Otter street, hereafter to be called Champion court.

Coxe's alley, South street near Twelfth, hereafter to be called Clawson street.

Craig's court, from St. John street above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Christy court.

Cresson's court, from 61 Cherry street, hereafter to be called Clyde court.

Carbon street, west of Twenty-fifth street, above South street, on Schuylkill river, hereafter to be called Rock street.

Carroll street, west of Twelfth street, above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Heath street.

Carter street, north from Carpenter street, below Eleventh, hereafter to be called Florence street.

Carver street, east from 319 south Fifth street, hereafter to be called Geneva street.

Centre street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street, between Lyndall alley and Locust street, hereafter to be called Canby street.

Center street, west from William street, below Columbia railroad, hereafter to be called Vanhorn street.

Centre street, from Lancaster Pike, between Mary and Parke streets, (W. P.) hereafter to be called Sparrow street.

Centre street, north from Brown street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, hereafter to be called Heaton street.

Charles street, south from Ball to Plum street, (K.) hereafter to be called Claiborne street.

Charles street, from Callowhill to Buttonwood street, above Ninth street, hereafter to be called Canton street.

Charles street, from Francis to George, (Francisville,) hereafter to be called Shirley street.

Charles street, south from Dickinson street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, hereafter to be called Tudor street.

Charles street, north from South above Fourth street, hereafter to be called Berlin street.

Charlotte street, west from No. 138 south Eleventh street, hereafter to be called Bromley street.

Chatham street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street, between Chesnut and George streets, hereafter to be called Exeter street.

Chatham street, from Penn avenue to Spring Garden street, hereafter to be called Linville street.

Church street, from Christian to Prime street, and from Navy Yard to Southwark canal, hereafter to be called Otsego street.

Church street, from Darby road (W. P.), hereafter to be called Irving street.

Church street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-third street, above Callowhill street, hereafter to be called Shamokin street.

Clark street, from Thirteenth to Juniper street, below Walnut street, hereafter to be called Kingston street.

Clay street, above Pine street, near Schuylkill river, hereafter to be called Kent street.

Clinton street, between Howard and Hancock streets, hereafter to be called Mascher street.

Clinton street, from Franklin to Master street, (E. K.) hereafter to be called Lackawanna street.

Clinton street, from Brown to Master street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, hereafter to be called Darien street.

Clymer street, north from Montgomery street, below G. T. Road, hereafter to be called Montrose street.

Clymer street, north from Mud lane, below G. T. road, hereafter to be called Manor street.

Clymer street, east from Amber street to Trenton

avenue, above Dauphin street, hereafter to be called Charter street.

Crown street, from Queen to Frankford road, between Shackamaxon and Marlborough streets, hereafter to be called Crease street.

Cypress street, west from Nineteenth streets, above Callowhill, hereafter to be called Cuyler street.

Cypress avenue, south from Rhodes, east of Twentieth street, hereafter to be called Culp avenue.

Darrach's court, south from 136 south Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Dabb's court.

Davies' place, north from Green, below Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Dale place.

Davis' or Davison's alley, from south Thirteenth to Juniper street, between Chesnut and Market streets, hereafter to be called Dallas' alley.

Davis' court, west from York avenue, above north Fifth street, hereafter to be called Dare's court.

Davis' or Whitebread's court, south from 72 Christian street, hereafter to be called Whitebread's court.

Davis' court, north from Stanley, between Third and Fourth streets, hereafter to be called Daniel's court.

Davis' court, from Pleasant street, below Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Dart court.

Dean street, north and south from Franklin (K.), hereafter to be called Day street.

Dean's alley, from 144 south Eighth to Duponceau street, hereafter to be called Davenport alley.

Dean's court, south from Pearl above Thirteenth street, hereafter to be called Dawson's court.

Decatur street, from Rye to Corn, between Marion and Wharton, hereafter to be called Drayton street.

Derringer's court, east from 15 Tamarind street, hereafter to be called Deagen's court.

Derringer's court, west from Sixth below Coates street, hereafter to be called Dayton court.

Diamond street, from Thirteenth to Juniper, between Broad and Chesnut, hereafter to be called Drury street.

Dickerson court, north from Olive below Broad street, hereafter to be called Dahl's court.

Dickson's court, east from Broad above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Dalton court.

Dickson's court, west from Front between Reed and Greenwich streets, hereafter to be called Dailey's court.

Dickson's court, rear of Cadwallader above Oxford street, hereafter to be called Dank court.

Dickson's court, east from Germantown road, above Fourth street, hereafter to be called Danforth court.

Dillwin Place, south from Willow below Fourth street, hereafter to be called Darling Place.

Division street, north from Ann street, Francisville, hereafter to be called Dubree street.

Donnelly's Place, north from 45 New street, hereafter to be called Danver Place.

Douglass avenue, north from Pine below Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Dougherty avenue.

Drinker's court, south from 66 Union street, hereafter to be called Deimling's court.

Duffy's court, from Fitzwater between Sixth and Seventh streets, hereafter to be called Delany's court.

Duke street, from 242 north Front to 363 north Second street, hereafter to be called Dana street.

Duncan court, south from 108 Shippen street, hereafter to be called Demar's court.

Eagle court, from Haliburton's court, across Currant alley, hereafter to be called Eakin's court.

Eagle place, Otter street near Frankford road, hereafter to be called Eaton place.

Earl's court, south from 292 Pine street, hereafter to be called Edgar's court.

Elbow alley, from 184 south Sixth street, west to Barclay's alley, hereafter to be called Edmond alley.

Elizabeth's avenue, south from Ogden above Sixteenth street, hereafter to be called Eastwick avenue.

Elizabeth's court, west from south Sixth street, above Carpenter, hereafter to be called Himmelwright court.

Ellen's place, east from 371 south Front street, hereafter to be called Eva place.

Ellen street, west from Ninth, below Christian street, hereafter to be called Erricson street.

Elliott's place, north from 89 Monroe street, hereafter to be called Emanuel's place.

Ellis' court, from Pleasant street, below Ridge avenue, hereafter to be called Eagen court.

Elm street, from Pine to Lombard, between Nineteenth and Twentieth, hereafter to be called Ford street.

Eln street, west from Salmon, below William street (R.), hereafter to be called Fremont street.

Elm street, north from Haverford and west from Schuylkill (W. P.), hereafter to be called Eadline street.

Elmes' court, north from Vine street, near the Schuylkill, hereafter to be called Ennis' court.

Emerald street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth, between Chancellor and Locust streets, hereafter to be called Erety street.

Emlen's alley, south from Clover alley to 5 Powell street, hereafter to be called English alley.

Emlen's court, from Peg or Willow, to No. 4 Noble street, hereafter to be called Everett court.

Emery's court, east from 383 St. John, above Beaver street, hereafter to be called Eveland's court.

Evan's court, east from 163 N. Sixth street, hereafter to be called Everall's court.

Evan's court, east from Ontario, above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Elba court.

Evan's place, from Williams street, above Eighteenth street, hereafter to be called Ewald place.

Evan's street, Fitzwater to Catharine, below Broad, hereafter to be called Epsey street.

Faries' court, north from North street, above Tenth, hereafter to be called Faas' court.

Fayette avenue, from 34 Julianna street, hereafter to be called Fable avenue.

Federal alley, from Federal road to Arsenal, hereafter to be called Fadden alley.

Filbert avenue, south from 1 Filbert street, hereafter to be called Fagan avenue.

Fisher street, south from 258 Catharine to Queen, hereafter to be called Foster street.

Fisher street, west from Eighth, below Franklin, hereafter to be called Fernon street.

Fisher's court, west from No. 6 Rachel, hereafter to be called Fails' court.

Fisher's court, east from No. 13 Laurel, hereafter to be called Fairbank's court.

Fisher's court, west from Palmer, between Prince and Queen, hereafter to be called Fairchild's court.

Fisher's court, north of Torr's alley, hereafter to be called Fairlamb's court.

Fisher street, north of Carpenter, above Third, hereafter to be called Faulkner street.

Flower court, north of No. 3 Torr's court, hereafter to be called Fairman's court.

Flower's street, from Fitzwater to Christian, above Hubbell, hereafter to be called Fallon street.

Flower's court, north from Lawrence, above Eighth, hereafter to be called Faith court.

Forrest place, east from 51 George street, hereafter to be called Farley place.

Fowler court, west from Philip, above Oxford, hereafter to be called Farner's court.

Fox's court, east from Apple, below Master, hereafter to be called Farrell court.

Fraley's court, between Shackamaxon street and Frankford road, and Allen and Beach streets, hereafter to be called Farson court.

Frances' court, between Dickerson and Wharton, from Fifth to Sixth street, hereafter to be called Frederick court.

Frankford place, west from 74 Frankford road, hereafter to be called Faust place.

Frankford avenue, north east of Lehigh avenue, hereafter to be called Kensington avenue.

Franklin place, east from Ninth, above Coates street, hereafter to be called Fell's place.

Franklin street, west from Moyamensing road, below Greenwich street, hereafter to be called Tasker street.

Fraser's court, east from Carpenter, above Fourth street, hereafter to be called Floyd's court.

Frazier's court, west from Sixth, below Christian street, hereafter to be called Flood's court.

Fromberger's court, west from 34 north Second street, hereafter to be called Fenner's court.

Fromberger's court, west of Ann, (Francisville,) hereafter to be called Fenton court.

Fulton's avenue, south of Washington, above Eighteenth street, hereafter to be called Fearon avenue.

Fulton street, south of Race, below Twenty-second street, hereafter to be called Fitch street.

Gabell's court, south of Lombard, near Eighteenth street, hereafter to be called Gadsby's court.

Galbraith's court, north of 119 Queen street, hereafter to be called Gaine's court.

Garden street, between Haverford street and Bridge, west of Fifth street (W. P.), hereafter to be called Gamble street.

Garrett's court, north of St. Joseph's avenue, hereafter to be called Gallagher's court.

Gaskill place, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, hereafter to be called Galvin place.

Gay's court, east from Charlotte, above Culvert, hereafter to be called Gwinn's court.

George's alley, from New to Vine, between Second and Third streets, hereafter to be called Galleo alley.

George street, from 82 South to 27 Monroe, hereafter to be called Gillin street.

George street, south from Ridge road to Twentieth and Parrish streets, hereafter to be called Ginnodo street.

Gilbert's avenue, between Vine and Callowhill streets, from 42 New Market street, hereafter to be called Gans' avenue.

Gilbert's court, east from 103 New Market street, hereafter to be called Garber's court.

Gold street, west from Salmon, below Clearfield street, hereafter to be called Geisler street.

Goldsmith's court, east from Rachel, between Poplar and Brown streets, hereafter to be called Gardy's court.

Goldsmith's court, east from Rachel, below Laurel street, hereafter to be called Garland court.

Goodwill court, north of Callowhill, west of Twentieth street, hereafter to be called Garman's court.

Graff alley, north from 57 Race street, hereafter to be called Garside alley.

Graham's court, from Bedford, above Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Garton's court.

Graham's court, south from 124 Catharine street, hereafter to be called Garwin's court.

Granite street, west from Seventeenth, above Coates street, hereafter to be called Grayson street.

Grape alley, from Ann to George, between Powell and Ridge road, hereafter to be called Geary alley.

Grape court, Grape above Eighth street, hereafter to be called Garwood court.

Gray street, from Dauphin to York, east of Frankford road, hereafter to be called Geisz street.

Gray's alley, from Front to Second, between Chestnut and Walnut streets, hereafter to be called Gatzmer alley.

Gray's court, east from 157 North Eleventh street, hereafter to be called Gavit court.

Gray's court, east from Thirteenth, near Coates street, hereafter to be called Gibbs' court.

Gray's alley, Eleventh street to Faries' court, between Vine and North, hereafter to be called Gibbons' alley.

Green Hill Place, north from Ogden street, opposite Ridge road, hereafter to be called Gifford Place.

Green Hill Place, west of Carlisle street and near Girard avenue, hereafter to be called Gihon Place.

Green street, from 127 Pine to 152 Spruce street, hereafter to be called Griscom street.

Green street, west of Cadwalader street (K.), hereafter to be called Gillingham street.

Green street, west of Rose, between Washington and Pratt (W. P.), hereafter to be called Butcher street.

Green's court, south from 248 Shippen street, hereafter to be called Gill's court.

Green's court, west from 36 Lawrence to Orchard street, hereafter to be called Gilpin's court.

Green's court, west from No. 302 St. John's street, hereafter to be called Gilmore's court.

Greble's court, north from 117 Christian street, hereafter to be called Given's court.

Grier's avenue, north from James to Pleasant above Tenth street, hereafter to be called Gossamer avenue.

Grier's court, west from Thirteenth, above Coates street, hereafter to be called Glading's court.

Grier's court, north of James, above Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Glancy court.

Grim's court, south from Poplar, near Second street, hereafter to be called Glasgow court.

Grim's court, north-east from Orchard street, hereafter to be called Glassmire court.

Grim's court, east from 486 north Third street, hereafter to be called Glazier court.

Grubb street, from Wall to Catharine, between Sixth and Seventh streets, hereafter to be called Goley street.

Gulielma street, east from Hanover above Duke street, hereafter to be called Gerker street.

Haas court, north from St. John street, hereafter to be called Haddock's court.

Hallowell's court, south from Poplar above Seventh street, hereafter to be called Haddon's court.

Hallowell's court, north from Paschall alley, above Fourth street, hereafter to be called Hagedon's court.

Hamilton court, rear of Linden above Spring Garden street, hereafter to be called Hannah's court.

Hamilton Place, north from Callowhill above Thirteenth street, hereafter to be called Harbeson Place.

Hamilton street, from South to Washington, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, hereafter to be called Hagner street.

Hamilton street, south from Chesnut above Till street, hereafter to be called Handy street.

Hamilton's court, from 76 German above Third street, hereafter to be called Harding's court.

Hamilton's court, west from Fourth above Washington street, hereafter to be called Hacker court.

Hancock's court, north from Lemon, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, hereafter to be called Hess' court.

Hank's court, rear of No. 7 Budd street, hereafter to be called Hamma's court.

Harmony court, or Cake court, north from 27 Coates' alley, hereafter to be called Coke court.

Harmony court, from Shippen to Small street, hereafter to be called Heron court.

Harmony court, east from 327 south Fourth street, hereafter to be called Hicks' court.

Harmony court, west from Cadwallader above Jefferson street, hereafter to be called Hance's court.

Harmony Place, east from Beach, below Hanover street, hereafter to be called Hilles' Place.

Harper's court, Barker, below Nineteenth street, hereafter to be called Harker court.

Harper's court, south of Shippen, above Broad street, hereafter to be called Grinnell's court.

Harper's place, east of No. 53 George street, hereafter to be called Hirst Place.

Harrison avenue, west from Juniper, below Cherry street, hereafter to be called Hassinger avenue.

Harrison street, from Twentieth to Twenty-first street, between Pine and Lombard, hereafter to be called Hand street.

Harrison place, north from Coates, below Second street, hereafter to be called Hobensack place.

Harrison place, north of Parrish, below Eleventh street, hereafter to be called Holland place.

Harrison street, south from Locust, below Eighteenth street, hereafter to be called Illinois street.

Harrison avenue, from New Market, between Coates and Green streets, hereafter to be called Holt avenue.

Harrison avenue, west from Fourth, below Jefferson street, hereafter to be called Eisen's avenue.

Harrison avenue, west from Fourth street, opposite the Germantown road, hereafter to be called Godfrey avenue.

Harrison court, from Germantown road to William,

between Otter and Rose streets, hereafter to be called Hook's court.

Hay's court, east from Third, above Coates street, hereafter to be called Hoover court.

Hay's court, from Pleasant to James, above Charles street, hereafter to be called Haywood's court.

Hay's court, from Penn to Beach, below Maiden street, hereafter to be called Hull court.

Hazel street, from Eleventh to Twelfth, below Poplar street, hereafter to be called Cornman street.

Henry's court, west from 536 Germantown road, hereafter to be called Heberton court.

Hermitage place, east from Third, opposite Branch street, hereafter to be called Hebrew place.

Hight's court, Second, above Laurel street, hereafter to be called Heck court.

Hight's court, north from Willow, above Eighth street, hereafter to be called Heckman court.

Hill's court, west from Weaver street, hereafter to be called Heckroth court.

Hinkle's court, from Pleasant, below Tenth street, hereafter to be called Hedges court.

Hinkel's court, from 207 Race street to Bryan's alley, hereafter to be called Hest court.

Hogg's court, from 133 Carpenter street, hereafter to be called Heilig court.

Holloway place, west from Front, near Laurel street, hereafter to be called Heisler place.

Hood's court, east from 21 Garden street, hereafter to be called Hellerman court.

Horstman's court, south from 76 German street, hereafter to be called Hepburn court.

Howard place, north from 107 Carpenter street, hereafter to be called Hero place.

Howard place, south from Washington street, between Eighth and Ninth, hereafter to be called Hess place.

Howard place, west from Quince, between Spruce and Pine streets, hereafter to be called Hewitt place.

Howard place, south from Brown, above Broad street, hereafter to be called Hock place.

Howard's court, west from Laurel, below Pear street, hereafter to be called Heyer court.

Howard's court, south from 268 Race street, hereafter to be called Huey court.

Howard's court, north from Hamilton, below Seventeenth street, hereafter to be called Heyman court.

Howard's place, north from Baker, between Seventh and Eighth streets, hereafter to be called Harkinson place.

Howard street, south from Market, west of Fifteenth street, hereafter to be called Hickey street.

Howell's court, north from Noble, above Fourth street, hereafter to be called Hydra court.

Hudson's lane, west from Passyunk road, rear of Christian street, hereafter to be called Hildeburn street.

Hughes' court, from Federal to Marion, below Moyamensing road, hereafter to be called Hoskin's court.

Hughes' court, north from Carpenter, above Sixth street, hereafter to be called Hieb court.

Hulseman's place, west from Front, above Franklin street, hereafter to be called Hamlet place.

Hunter court, east from Eleventh, between Market and Filbert streets, hereafter to be called Highland court.

Hutchinson court, west from Frankford road, below Otter, hereafter to be called Hyatt court.

Jackson's avenue, from Front to Frankford road, below Master, hereafter to be called Ingersoll avenue.

Jackson court, south from Maiden, near Front street, hereafter to be called Iron court.

Jackson court, north from Baker street, hereafter to be called Ivory court.

Jackson court, south from 336 Vine, between Ninth and Tenth streets, hereafter to be called Isaac's court.

Jackson place, north from Jackson street, below Fifth, hereafter to be called Janitor place.

Jackson street, from Brown to Parrish, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, hereafter to be called Inquirer street.

Jackson street, from Budd to Adams, between Spruce

and Pine and Perry and Thirteenth streets, hereafter to be called Iseminger street.

Jackson street, west from Palmer, above West street, hereafter to be called Ireland street.

Jackson street, Lawrence to York avenue, above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Kerr street.

Jackson street, from Marriott to Carpenter, above Third street, hereafter to be called Isard street.

Jackson's court, east from Philip, above Columbia, hereafter to be called Jacob's court.

Johnson's court, west from Penn, near Maiden, hereafter to be called Judah's court.

Johnson's court, east from Passyunk road, hereafter to be called Judd's court.

Jones' alley, north from 15 St. Mary's alley, hereafter to be called Gonsha alley.

Jones' alley, west from Lilly alley, above Green street, hereafter to be called Edisto alley.

Jones' alley, south from Brown, between Second and New Market streets, hereafter to be called Julia alley.

Jones' court, west from Front, below Master street, hereafter to be called Judge court.

Jones' court, east from 491 south Second street, hereafter to be called Julius court.

Joseph's alley, Montgomery to Marion, above Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Desoto alley.

Juniper alley, from south Tenth near Walnut street, to Juniper lane, hereafter to be called Medical alley.

Juniper lane, from George to Walnut street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, hereafter to be called Juvenal street.

James' court, north from Bedford, above Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Jolly court.

James' court, east from 397 south Front street, hereafter to be called Nickel court.

James' court, from Front street to Hope, hereafter to be called Junior court.

James street, from Maple to Lemon street, hereafter to be called Ristine street.

James street, west from Seventh, below Federal street, hereafter to be called Jamison street.

Jane's place, west from Front street, above Otter, hereafter to be called Jeffrey place.

Jefferson avenue, south-west from the intersection of Christian and south Second streets, hereafter to be called Moyamensing avenue.

Jefferson street, from Harrison to Seventeenth street, between Locust and Rittenhouse, hereafter to be called Latimer place.

Jefferson place, west from 464 north Front street, hereafter to be called Jessup's place.

John court, east from Second, above Market street, hereafter to be called Jenkins' court.

John's court, east from Hamilton to Callowhill, above Twenty-fourth street, hereafter to be called Jordan's court.

Johnson's court, east from Parker's alley, hereafter to be called Joy's court.

Johnson's court, east from Thirteenth, above South street, hereafter to be called Juan's court.

Johnson's lane, west from Moyamensing road, below Wharton, hereafter to be called Borden street.

Kelley's avenue, east from north Thirteenth street, below Vine, hereafter to be called Horner avenue.

Kelley's court, north from Kelley's street, below Juniper, hereafter to be called Bragg's court.

Kelley's court, east from No. 295 south Fifth street, hereafter to be called Balsam court.

Kelley's court, north from German street, between Third and Fourth streets, hereafter to be called Benson's court.

Kelly's court, north from Washington street, below Third street, hereafter to be called Bellona court.

Kelley's court, north from Concord street, below Third street, hereafter to be called Balton court.

Kensington court, between Bedford and Franklin streets, (Kensington,) hereafter to be called Belgrade court.

Kessler's court, east from north Fourth street, in Coates street, hereafter to be called Curran's court.

Kayser's avenue, west side, between Vine and Cal-lowhill streets, hereafter to be called Champlain avenue.

Kayser's court, west from New Market street, above Vine, hereafter to be called Corwin's court.

Keyser's court, west from Cadwallader street, below Jefferson street, (Kensington,) hereafter to be called Hiland court.

King court, between Queen and Bedford streets, (Kensington,) hereafter to be called Carthage court.

King street, from Morris street to Fifteenth street, between Pine and Lombard streets, hereafter to be called Chippewa street.

King street, from Race to Cherry, between Fifteenth and Broad streets, hereafter to be called Kelton street.

King street, east from Passyunk road, below Dickerson street, hereafter to be called Cross street.

Kline court, from No. 120 Christian street, hereafter to be called Lock court.

Krider's court, north from Krider's alley, between Almond and Mead streets, hereafter to be called Lacou court.

La Fayette court, from north side of South street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, hereafter to be called Lansing court.

La Fayette place, north from Coates, above Thirteenth street, hereafter to be called Lockland place.

Lagrange place, west from No. 34 north Second street, hereafter to be called Ledger place.

Lagrange court, west from No. 6 Lagrange place, hereafter to be called Herald court.

Lancaster court, east from Lancaster street, below Wharton, hereafter to be called Bunyan's court.

Larch street, north from William street, below Richmond street, (Kensington,) hereafter to be called Melvale street.

Laurel street, from No. 29 Spruce street, to Pear street, hereafter to be called Dispatch street.

Laurel court, rear of Laurel street, hereafter to be called Tivoli court.

Lawrence court, west from Chatham street, below Green street, hereafter to be called Tilden court.

Lawrence place, north from Julianna street, hereafter to be called Tecumseh place.

Lawrence court, west from Penn, above Marsh street, hereafter to be called Summerville court.

Lawrence court, west from Eighth street, below Vine street, hereafter to be called Haviland court.

Lawrence street, west from north Twelfth street, to Juniper, between Market and Filbert streets, hereafter to be called Silver street.

Lee's court, from Pleasant street, below Tenth street, hereafter to be called Silma court.

Lee's court, west from No. 302 St. John's street, hereafter to be called Selvisa court.

Leiper court, east from No. 33 north Seventh street, hereafter to be called Scipio court.

Leiper alley, from Vine to North street, west of Tenth street, hereafter to be called Sonora street.

Lemon place, north from Lemon street, below Chester street, hereafter to be called Sabula place.

Lemon street, west from Seventeenth street, above Pine, hereafter to be called Vasey street.

Lemon street, from No. 156 north Eighth street, to Chester street, hereafter to be called Mackinaw street.

Lemon street, north from Norris, and east of Tulip street, (Kensington,) hereafter to be called Memphis street.

Lemon's court, rear of 218 Front street, above Phœnix, (Kensington,) hereafter to be called Gills court.

Lewis' alley, from No. 24 Small street, to Plum alley, hereafter to be called Glendale alley.

Lewis court, north from St. Mary street, above Sixth street, hereafter to be called Palmetto court.

Lewis court, south from No. 18 Plum street, hereafter to be called Pomroy's court.

Lewis court, north from No. 297 Callowhill street, hereafter to be called Pilgrims' court.

Lewis street, south from Marriott street, below Third, [Sk.] hereafter to be called Penington street.

Lewis street, north from Poplar street, above Tenth, hereafter to be called Warnock street.

Lewis street, west from Eighth street, between Franklin and Morris streets, hereafter to be called Mountain street.

Lewis street, north from Cumberland street, east from Canal street, (Kensington,) hereafter to be called Newkirk street.

Leyden court, north from Spruce street, above Aspen street, hereafter to be called Opelika court.

Liberty alley, from No. 9 Duke street to No. 10 Green street, hereafter to be called Ocean alley.

Liberty avenue, east side New Market street, above Vine, hereafter to be called Upshur avenue.

Liberty court, west from No. 2 north Ninth street, hereafter to be called Urbanna court.

Liberty avenue, west from north Seventh street, between Poplar and Franklin, hereafter to be called Vermont court.

Lilly alley, from Tammany, near Second and Coates streets, hereafter to be called Vincent alley.

Linden avenue, west from Linden street, (Spring Garden,) hereafter to be called Beckel avenue.

Linden place, west from Linden street, (Spring Garden,) hereafter to be called Wirt place.

Linden place, west from Eighteenth, on Bedford street, hereafter to be called Winooska place.

Linden place, south of South street and west from Fifteenth street, hereafter to be called Winder place.

Linden court, west from Third, below Green street, hereafter to be called Rupert court.

Linden street, from Fifteenth to Seventeenth street, between Chesnut and Barker streets, hereafter to be called Melloy street.

Linden street, east from Larch street, above Maple, hereafter to be called Elkhart street.

Lindsey avenue, south from South street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, hereafter to be called Shunk avenue.

Little Crown street, north from Tammany street, above York avenue, hereafter to be called Marvins street.

Little Dock street, south from 50 Spruce street to 177 south Second street, hereafter to be called Mattis street.

Little Gable court, south from Lombard and east of Eighteenth street, hereafter to be called May's court.

Little Green street, from Second street to German-town road, east and west (W. K.), hereafter to be called Merino street.

Little German street, west from 99 Swanson street to 377 south Front street, hereafter to be called Merritt street.

Little Oak street, west from Twelve Feet alley, between Shippen and Fitzwater streets, hereafter to be called Metcalf street.

Little Pine street, from south Sixth street to south Eighth street, between Pine and Lombard streets, hereafter to be called Minster street.

Little Perry street, from Norris to Diamond, near Fifth street, hereafter to be called Manakin street.

Little Poplar street, east from Germantown road, between Fifth and Sixth streets, hereafter to be called Meetler street.

Little Poplar street, west from Thirteenth, between Carpenter and Prime streets, hereafter to be called Moseley street.

Little Washington street, west from Charles street, below Washington street, hereafter to be called Moss street.

Little Washington street, from south Front street to south Second street, below Federal street, hereafter to be called Morrow street.

Little Washington street, west from Passyunk road, below Eighth street, hereafter to be called Maurice street.

Little Water street, from Lombard to South street, hereafter to be called Larkin street.

Little Willow street, south from Wood street, below Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Lawson street.

Lodge Place, north from Lodge alley, above Seventh street, hereafter to be called Layman place.

Lodge court, west from Ninth street, below Christian street, hereafter to be called Levan court.

Logan place, rear of No. 8 North Ninth street, hereafter to be called Linwood place.

Logan place, Nineteenth street, between Vine and Callowhill streets, hereafter to be called Loudon place.

Logan street, below Eighth street, from Buttonwood to Green, hereafter to be called Neal street.

Logan street, north from Haverford road, hereafter to be called Forty-first street.

Logan's court, east from St. John street, above Beaver street (K.), hereafter to be called Luther street.

Lombard court, west from Fourth street, between Pine and Lombard, hereafter to be called Tenor court.

Louisa avenue, north from Lewis street, east of Eighteenth, hereafter to be called Lyman avenue.

Lowry's court, west from Beach street, above Poplar, hereafter to be called Major court.

Loxley's court, north from No. 115 Arch street, hereafter to be called Markley court.

Lybrand court, east from Crown street, below Bedford, hereafter to be called Mattson court.

Lydia avenue, south from Vienna street, above Franklin avenue, hereafter to be called Mershon avenue.

Lyndall court, east from Tenth street, below Pine, hereafter to be called Milburn court.

Madison street, Moyamensing road to Lewis street, below Carpenter, hereafter to be called Milman street.

Madison avenue, east from Thirteenth above Willow street, hereafter to be called Moland avenue.

Madison court, north from Twenty-third to St. Mary street, hereafter to be called Morton court.

Madison street, west from Ashton street, hereafter to be called Mulford street.

Madison street, east from Eleventh street, between Federal and Wharton, hereafter to be called Naylor street.

Maiden lane, south-east from Gray's Ferry, hereafter to be called Newport street.

Maple street, west from Delaware above Ann street, hereafter to be called Neff street.

Marble court, North from Mulberry alley, hereafter to be called Neville court.

Marble place, north from Green street above Seventh street, hereafter to be called Tarr place.

Marble street, west from Seventeenth street to Granite street, hereafter to be called Leisenring street.

Margaret street, west from Ninth street below Christian street, hereafter to be called McNeal street.

Margaretta street, from N. Twelfth street to Thirteenth street, between Cherry and Race, hereafter to be called Landreth street.

Margaretta place, from Ninth to Margaretta street, hereafter to be called Langdon place.

Margaretta street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, north from Poplar to Girard street, hereafter to be called Sartain street.

Marion street, east from Thirteenth street, between Race and Vine streets, hereafter to be called Struthers street.

Marion court, west from Thirteenth street, below Catharine street, hereafter to be called Cregar court.

Marshall court, west from G. T. road, above Fifth street (K.), hereafter to be called Maleom court.

Marshall court, from 120 south Fourth street to 135 south Fifth street, hereafter to be called Landis street.

Marshall street, southwest from south Third, above Wharton street, hereafter to be called McIlwain street.

Mary street, from Cherry street to Frankford road, hereafter to be called Alston street.

Mary street, west from Twenty-second street to the Schuylkill, hereafter to be called Maning street.

Mary street, from Lancaster avenue to Darby road, hereafter to be called Thirty-eighth street, (W. P.)

Mary's alley, from 27 Gilles' alley to south Sixth street, hereafter to be called Manson alley.

Mary's court, north of 149 Cherry street, hereafter to be called Mureus court.

Mary's court, east from 239 south Second street, hereafter to be called Markle court.

McAtee's place, west from Cadwalader street, above Jefferson street (K.), hereafter to be called Marsden place.

McCoy's court, east from 385 south Front street, hereafter to be called Matthew's court.

McGinley court, west from Swanson street, below Washington street, hereafter to be called Leighton court.

McGinnet's court, east from 7 Vernon street, hereafter to be called Leib court.

McMullin's court, from Harriet street, below Ross street, (K.,) hereafter to be called Leinau court.

Mechanic avenue, north from Lawrence street, above Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Forder avenue.

Mechanic court, south from 70 Maiden street, hereafter to be called Litford court.

Mechanic street, north from Linn street, (F. M.,) hereafter to be called Levring street.

Mechanic street, from 318 Vine street, to Maple street, hereafter to be called Schell street.

Mechanic street, north from Poplar street, west of Fourth street, hereafter to be called Leithgow street.

Melon street, north from Ridge road, near Girard avenue, hereafter to be called Manley street.

Melon place, from Melon street, above Ninth street, hereafter to be called Mansure place.

Mercer street, from Warren street, to Locust street, hereafter to be called Manship street.

Merchant court, west from 50 Dillwyn street, hereafter to be called Marter court.

Meredith alley, enters Poplar street, above north Third street, hereafter to be called Maxon alley.

Meredith court, enters north Fifth street, above Buttonwood street, hereafter to be called Melcher court.

Meredith street, between Carbon and Willow streets, hereafter to be called Nathan's street.

Meredith street, west from Nineteenth street, below Lombard street, hereafter to be called Naudine street.

Mervine street, east from Thirteenth street, to Ridge road, hereafter to be called Mineral street.

Middle alley, south from Callowhill street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, hereafter to be called Newbold alley.

Middle court, south from Spring Garden, below Broad street, hereafter to be called Niblow court.

Mifflin's court, west from No. 318 south Front street, hereafter to be called Nisbet court.

Mifflin street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street, between Pine and Lombard, hereafter to be called Kemble street.

Miles alley, west from No. 102 south Tenth street, hereafter to be called Miles street

Millar's alley, east from Fifteenth and Race streets, hereafter to be called Keating alley.

Millar's alley, east from No. 87 south Sixth street, hereafter to be called Kempton alley.

Millar's court, west from 314 north Second street, (N. L.,) hereafter to be called Keating court.

Millar's court, east from north Fourth street, above Branch, hereafter to be called Kivley court.

Millar's court, rear of No. 217 St. John street, hereafter to be called Keron court.

Millar's court, north from 45 Green street, (N. L.,) hereafter to be called Kiblen court.

Millar's court, east from No. 89 south Sixth street, hereafter to be called Kinsley court.

Millar's court, east from Garden street, north of Willow street, hereafter to be called Kirbey court.

Miller's court, south from No. 260 Race street, hereafter to be called Kirkham court.

Millar street, from Broad street, between Parrish and Brown, hereafter to be called Atmore street.

Miles court, north from Beach street, above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Peru court.

Minor street, north from Coates street, near Fairmount street, hereafter to be called Taney street.

Mintzer court, west of 244 north Second street, hereafter to be called Seaton court.

Moffit court, west from Twenty-second, above Oxford street, hereafter to be called Stanton court.

Monmouth court, south from Middle Jones alley, hereafter to be called Tower's court.

Monroe court, south from Lawrence, below Juniper street, hereafter to be called Mason court.

Monroe place, west from Cadwallader street, below Master street, hereafter to be called Byron place.

Monroe street, west from Cherry to Palmer, below Duke street [K.], hereafter to be called Mercury street.

Monroe street, east from G. T. road, below Sixth street, hereafter to be called M'Manus street.

Montgomery street, west from Twelfth to Thirteenth, between Race and Vine, hereafter to be called Markham street.

Montgomery street, west from Nineteenth to Twentieth street, below Fairview, hereafter to be called Rochford street.

Moore's alley, from Say street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, hereafter to be called Graydon alley.

Moore's avenue, west from Front above Coates street, hereafter to be called Clifford avenue.

Moore's court, west from Weaver street, to be hereafter called Stanbury court.

Moore's court, west from Jackson street, between Eleventh and Twelfth, and Brown and Parrish, hereafter to be called Lowden court.

Moore's court, from Green near Sixth street, hereafter to be called Trent court.

Moore's court, north from German, above Fourth street, hereafter to be called Iranistan court.

Moore's court, north from Nectarine street, above Tenth, hereafter to be called Frampton court.

Morgan's court, south from Carpenter, above Eighth street, hereafter to be called Tottenham court.

Morgan's court, east from Chatham street, hereafter to be called Times court.

Morgan's court, north from Vine below Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Monckton court.

Morgan's court, from Sixth and Washington Square, hereafter to be called Pharo court.

Morris court, from Apple to Mechanic, below George street, hereafter to be called Morencie court.

Morris alley, from south Front to south Second street, below Market, hereafter to be called Orum alley.

Morris street, from Pine to Lombard, between Broad and Fifteenth street, hereafter to be called Blackstone street.

Morris street, between Seventh and Eighth, below Chesnut street, hereafter to be called Bennett street.

Morris street, from Frankford avenue above Mary street, Eighteenth ward, hereafter to be called Kendall street.

Morris street, south from Fitzwater, between Ninth and Tenth streets, hereafter to be called Montcalm street.

Morris street, east from Hanover street above Franklin, Eighteenth ward, hereafter to be called Megary street.

Morris court, from north Sixth, above Market street, hereafter to be called Discount court.

Moyamensing court, south from Shippen, below Ninth street, hereafter to be called Metamora court.

Mullin's court, from Lombard below Twenty-first street, hereafter to be called Dimsdale court.

Mullin's court, south from Master street, hereafter to be called Genoese court.

Murray street, from Pine to Lombard, between Broad and Fifteenth streets, hereafter to be called Hyson street.

Murray street, from Spring Garden to Centre street, above Twenty-fourth, hereafter to be called Osprey street.

Murray street, from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-fifth, between Willow and Biddle streets, hereafter to be called Wilcox street.

Murray's court, from 374 south Front street, hereafter to be called Winchester court.

Myer's court, north from 221 Race street, hereafter to be called Durham court.

Myer's place, south from Mulberry alley, north of Sixth street, hereafter to be called Canterbury place.

Naglee's court, east from 25 St. John street, hereafter to be called Pequinot court.

Nichols avenue, north from Harrison street, hereafter to be called Herschell avenue.

Ninth street avenue, east from Ninth, above Coates street, hereafter to be called Anandale avenue.

Norris' alley, from south Front, to south Second street, hereafter to be called Gothic alley.

Norris' court, north from Carpenter, near Fourth street, hereafter to be called Roderick court.

Norris' court, east of New Market, between Vine and Callowhill streets, hereafter to be called Conway court.

North court, west from 216 north Eighth street, hereafter to be called Burgundy court.

North court, east from Fifth above Washington street, hereafter to be called Kenilworth court.

North-East avenue, east from Front above Haydock street, hereafter to be called Bristol avenue.

Oak street, north from Market to Filbert street, and south from Market to Olive, hereafter to be called Unadilla street.

Oak street, south from Crabb street to Passyunk road, hereafter to be called Salway street.

Oak street, east from Bridgewater, between Washington and Chesnut streets, [W. P.] hereafter to be called Ludlow street.

Oak street, south from Graff street to Sheaff's alley, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, hereafter to be called Sussex street.

Ogden court, from Ogden street above Ninth street, hereafter to be called Saffin court.

Olive street, south from Noble above Fifth street, hereafter to be called Pembroke street.

Olive street, from Juniper, continued through to

Fifteenth above Chesnut street, hereafter to be called Mint street.

Oliver's place, from Christian to Marriott's street, below Third, hereafter to be called Tisdale place.

Orange street, from Washington to Melon, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, hereafter to be called Andross street.

Orange street, north from Pine and west of Eighteenth street, hereafter to be called Rodney street.

Orange street, from Eleventh to Thirteenth, below Catharine street, hereafter to be called Thurlow street.

Orchard street, north from Norris and east of Fifth street, hereafter to be called Gegan street.

Orleans street, from Mifflin to Lombard, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, hereafter to be called Stockton street.

Owen street, from Thirteenth to Juniper, between Lombard and South, hereafter to be called Rodman street.

Palm street, from Ann above Larch street, Nineteenth ward, hereafter to be called Toronto street.

Park avenue, east from Twentieth below Locust street, hereafter to be called Way avenue.

Park street, from Washington Square to south Eighth street, hereafter to be called Goodwater street.

Park street, north of Girard street, between Fifteenth and Carlisle streets, hereafter to be called Press street.

Parker street, south from Adams street, west of Frankford avenue, hereafter to be called Holman street.

Parke's place, west of Corn street, First ward, hereafter to be called Langdon place.

Paschall's alley, from north Fourth to Fifth, between Green and Coates streets, hereafter to be called Lynd street.

Paschall street, west from Lancaster avenue, Twenty-fourth ward, hereafter to be called Lovelace street.

Peach street, north and south from Little Oak, between Fifth and Sixth streets, hereafter to be called Calvert street.

Pearl street, south from Clearfield street, Nineteenth ward, hereafter to be called Clifton street.

Pearson's court, north from Bedford above Crown street, hereafter to be called Ottawa court.

Pemberton's alley, south from No. 102 Vine street, hereafter to be called Kenyon alley.

Pemberton court, north from Lodge, above Second street, hereafter to be called Kenton's court.

Penn avenue, north from Noble street, below Sixth, hereafter to be called Osler avenue.

Penn avenue, north from Seventh, above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Treaty avenue.

Penn street, east from Broad, below Coates street, (Fourteenth Ward,) hereafter to be called Potts street.

Penn street, east and west from Lancaster avenue, hereafter to be called Strickland street.

Perry street, from Franklin street to Master, east of Second street, hereafter to be called Palethorp street.

Pine street, from Ball alley to Fourth, below South street, hereafter to be called Trout street.

Pleasant street, from Charles street to Thirteenth, between James and Buttonwood streets, hereafter to be called Hamilton street.

Poplar street, from Thirteenth to Broad street, between Carpenter and Mariner streets, hereafter to be called Mott street.

Perry court, west from No. 58 north Eighth street, hereafter to be called Birch court.

Perry court, north from South street, east of Thirteenth, hereafter to be called Tully's court.

Petar's alley, north from Callowhill, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, hereafter to be called Downing alley.

Pfeiffer's alley, from No. 22 New Market street, to No. 235 north Second street, hereafter to be called Bolivar alley.

Phillips' place, from Lombard street, below Eighteenth, hereafter to be called St. Omar's place.

Phillips' court, east from Flower street, below Catharine, hereafter to be called Grafton court.

Pierce court, east from north Fourth, above German street, hereafter to be called Saxon court.

Pleasant avenue, from No. 235 Lombard street, to Little Pine, hereafter to be called Ratcliffe avenue.

Pleasant Retreat, west from north Seventh, below Coates street, hereafter to be called Prosser Retreat.

Pleasant court, north from north side of Lawrence street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth, hereafter to be called Herbert court.

Pleis court, south from Poplar street, above Third, hereafter to be called Klett's court.

Pleis court, east from St. John street, above Beaver, hereafter to be called Surrey court.

Poplar alley, north from Locust street, between Cur-rant alley and south Eleventh street, hereafter to be called Ely alley.

Poplar court, from Rose alley, to Miles' alley, south Tenth street, hereafter to be called Stratford court.

Poplar place, south from Poplar street, below Third, hereafter to be called Buckingham place.

Porter's court, west from No. 532 north Third street, hereafter to be called Cranmer court.

Powell street, west from Francis street, hereafter to be called Perkiomen street.

Pratt street, west from William street, above Coates, hereafter to be called Hare street.

Pratt street, west from Spruce street, above Sixteenth to Pine, hereafter to be called Steiner street.

Preston street, from Melon to Wallace, above Ninth street, hereafter to be called Henlopen street.

Price street, south from Ball street, below Queen street, hereafter to be called Artisan street.

Price street, from Franklin avenue, below York, hereafter to be called Ella street.

Price's court, south from between Nos. 66 and 68 Lombard street, hereafter to be called Wareham court.

Pritchett court, east from Duponceau street, hereafter to be called Lara court.

Prospect alley, east from No. 27 north Tenth street, hereafter to be called Rementer alley.

Prospect street, east from north Eleventh, between Filbert and Arch streets, hereafter to be called Benezet street.

Prospect place, south from No. 230 Christian street, hereafter to be called Dudley place.

Prosperous alley, west from Spafford street, below Shippen, hereafter to be called Darcy alley.

Queen's avenue, from Queen street, above Third street, hereafter to be called Morton avenue.

Quigg's court, north from Catharine street, above Third, hereafter to be called Ezra court.

Quigg's row, north from Pleasant, near Ridge road, hereafter to be called Manhattan row.

Quigg's court, north from No. 5 Quarry street, hereafter to be called Palisade court.

Railroad court, west from Jay, below Coates street, hereafter to be called Osbec court.

Ralston court, north of Hamilton street, west of Twenty-second street, hereafter to be called Kildare court.

Randolph's court, west from No. 126 N. Second street, hereafter to be called Pembroke court.

Randolph street, east from Waterloo, above Clearfield street, hereafter to be called Ingelo street.

Raspberry lane, from No. 173 Cherry street to No. 286 Race street, hereafter to be called Hatton lane.

Reckless court, west from Church, above Reckless street, hereafter to be called Sheldon's court.

Reed avenue, north of Vienna, above West street, hereafter to be called Ridley avenue.

Reed's court, from Spruce street, below Little Dock, hereafter to be called Melville court.

Reid's court, north from No. 107 German street, hereafter to be called Percy court.

Reid's court, east from Fifth street, below Christian, hereafter to be called Fairfax court.

Reid's court, north from Catharine street, above Twelfth, hereafter to be called Register court.

Relief alley, from Carter's alley to Dock street, hereafter to be called Stapleton alley.

Relief place, from No. 19 Relief street, hereafter to be called Maynard place.

Renchler place, north-east from Charlotte street, hereafter to be called Pendennis place.

Rex's court, west from Beaver, above Green street, hereafter to be called Clyde street.

Richmond lane, running west from the Delaware, above William street, hereafter to be called Ann street.

Rihl's court, west from No. 526 north Third street, hereafter to be called Ripton court.

Rihl's court, north from No. 19 Poplar street, hereafter to be called Stratton court.

Rinder place, south from Marriott below Broad street, hereafter to be called Newport place.

Ringgold place, south from No. 486 Race street, hereafter to be called Archbold place.

Rentshler's place, east from Charlotte, between Brown and Poplar streets, hereafter to be called Colchester place.

Ringgold street, east from No. 482 Passyunk avenue, hereafter to be called Whitney street.

Rittenhouse street, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth, above Race street, hereafter to be called Journal street.

Roberts' court, north from Mark's lane, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, hereafter to be called Darnel court.

Roberts' court, north from No. 53 Mead street, hereafter to be called Felton street.

Robeson's court, from Vine above Broad street, hereafter to be called Whitlock court.

Robinson street, north from Thompson to Jefferson street, below Eighth, hereafter to be called Perth street.

Robinson street, south from Oxford below Broad street, hereafter to be called Amboy street.

Robinson court, north from No. 299 Callowhill street, hereafter to be called Crampton court.

Robinson's court, west from Penn near Maiden street, hereafter to be called Layton court.

Robinson's court, north of Spruce to Ann street, above Eighteenth, hereafter to be called Sidmouth court.

Ritner street, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth, below Locust street, hereafter to be called Latimer street.

Rose alley, from Rose to Lydia street, between School and William streets, hereafter to be called Peel alley.

Ross court, south from No. 25 Concord street, hereafter to be called Swartz court.

Ross court, north from Little Oak street, hereafter to be called Dodge court.

Rule's court, east from No. 391 south Fifth street, hereafter to be called Moss court.

Russell's court, near Twenty-second and Callowhill streets, hereafter to be called Loomis court.

Russell's avenue, east from Russell street, below Shippen, hereafter to be called Robin avenue.

Russell's court, west from Third street, above Washington street, hereafter to be called Dove court.

Rose street, from Germantown road to School street, east and west, [W. K.] hereafter to be called Van Horne street.

Rose street, north from Washington to Pratt street, hereafter to be called Sun-flower street.

Rye street (old City), from Graff street south, forming an elbow to Madison street, hereafter to be called Timothy street.

Sansom's alley, from Willow to Noble street, between St. John and North Third streets, hereafter to be called Belrose alley.

Say's alley, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth street, between Race and Vine, hereafter to be called Cowslip alley.

Say's court, west from 36 North Third street, hereafter to be called Orion court.

Scattergood's court, west from No. 408 N. Front street, hereafter to be called Musking court.

School avenue, west from Twelfth street, between Brown and Parrish, hereafter to be called Eliza avenue.

School avenue, south from Union, near south Second street, hereafter to be called Iowa avenue.

Schuylkil avenue, from Eleventh to Quince street,

between Spruce and Pine streets, hereafter to be called Goshen avenue.

Scott's alley, from 379 Market street to Filbert street, hereafter to be called Henrietta avenue.

Scott's alley, south from 14 Poplar, above Front street, hereafter to be called Cuba court.

Scott's court, west from No. 342 south Front street, hereafter to be called Colebrook court.

Scott's court, north from No. 153 South street, hereafter to be called Priscilla court.

Scott's court, east from Fourth street, below George street, hereafter to be called Lorain court.

Seiser's court, south from 56 Race street, hereafter to be called Peedee court.

Shackamaxon avenue, above Queen street, from Shackamaxon to Bedford street, hereafter to be called Sacramento avenue.

Shafer's court, east from No. 21 Garden street, hereafter to be called Sharon court.

Shafer's avenue, from 40 Cherry street, hereafter to be called Shelburne avenue.

Shafer's court, from Ridge road, above Thirteenth street, hereafter to be called Saw court.

Shafer's court, east side of north Fourth street, below Calvert street, hereafter to be called Springfield court.

Shafer's court, south from Rawle, north of Apple street, hereafter to be called Tyrone court.

Sharpless court, north from St. Joseph's avenue, below Eighteenth street, hereafter to be called Woodville court.

Shield's alley, from Prosperous alley to Quince street, hereafter to be called Breese alley.

Shields alley, from 140 south Ninth street, to Raspberry alley, hereafter to be called Broome alley.

Shippen lane, from South street, near Broad, to Federal, hereafter to be called Copper lane.

Shippen place, east from No. 305 Shippen street, hereafter to be called Beverly place.

Shippen court, south from Pearl street, between

Twelfth and Thirteenth, hereafter to be called Tremont court.

Shoemaker's court, north from Broad street, above Coates, hereafter to be called Shelby court.

Shoemaker's court, west from north Front street, between Nos. 10 and 12, hereafter to be called Audubon court.

Simmon's court, east from Cadwallader street, below Oxford, (K.,) hereafter to be called Almont court.

Simmon's court, west from No. 216 north Front street, hereafter to be called Victoria court.

Simpson's court, north from No. 119 Queen street, hereafter to be called Moss-rose court.

Smith's alley, from No. 219 south Third street, to Gaskill street, hereafter to be called Lavinia alley.

Smith's avenue, west from No. 488 north Sixth street, hereafter to be called Buckeye avenue.

Smith's avenue, west from Philip, above Master street, hereafter to be called Huron avenue.

Smith's court, north from Pleasant, above Thirteenth street, hereafter to be called Prescott court.

Smith's court, north from Allen's court, north Front street, hereafter to be called Richland court.

Smith's court, south from Market, north Fifteenth street, hereafter to be called Ripley court.

Smith's court, north from No. 203 Lombard street, hereafter to be called Rockdale court.

Smith's court, east from No. 107 north Fifth street, hereafter to be called Ransom court.

Smith's court, west from Apple street, above Thompson, hereafter to be called Refuge court.

Smith's court, west from No. 182 north Eighth street, hereafter to be called Peaceful court.

Smith's court, west from Fothergill street, hereafter to be called Lovely court.

Smith's court, west from rear of No. 88 north Front street, hereafter to be called Welcome court.

Smith's court, east from St. John street, near Globe Mill, hereafter to be called Happy court.

Smith's court, south from Gaskill street, below Third street, hereafter to be called Oakford court.

Smith's court, north from Bedford street, below Eighth street, hereafter to be called Belinda court.

Smith's court, south from Pearl street, above Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Jerusalem court.

Smith's court, west from Cadwallader street, above Jefferson street, hereafter to be called Olivia court.

Smith's court, south from Linden street, above Fifteenth street, hereafter to be called Andover court.

Smith's court, east from Shippen alley, below South street, hereafter to be called Elvira court.

Smith's court, west from St. David's street, near Schuylkill, hereafter to be called Amanda court.

Smith's court, west from Linden street, above Spring Garden street, hereafter to be called Clementine court.

Smith's place, from No. 8 Linden street, below Green street, hereafter to be called Clarissa place.

South avenue, west from Eighteenth street, above South street, hereafter to be called Clever avenue.

South avenue, along Schuylkill, above Catharine street, hereafter to be called Decent avenue.

South court, east from Fifth street, above Washington street, hereafter to be called Samper court.

South court, rear of No. 214 North Eighth street, hereafter to be called Dutiful court.

South row, west from Nineteenth street, above Hamilton street, hereafter to be called Lower row.

Spragg's avenue, from No. 64 Christian street, hereafter to be called Free Will avenue.

Spring Garden Retreat, north from Spring Garden street, below Thirteenth street, hereafter to be called Wise Retreat.

St. James' court, from James, above Charles street, hereafter to be called Marengo court.

St. John's place, east from St. John street, below Brown street, hereafter to be called Nahant place.

St. Mary's alley, north from Gilles' alley, above South street, hereafter to be called Lisbon alley.

State street, from Seventh to Eighth street, below Wharton street, hereafter to be called Medina street.

Steele's court, north from St. Mary street, above Sixth street, hereafter to be called Cove court.

Steel's court, north from No. 13 German street, hereafter to be called Catawba court.

Steel's court, north from No. 251 South street, hereafter to be called Lima court.

Steinmetz court, east from No. 93 north Fourth street, hereafter to be called Lenox court.

Steinmetz court (N. L.), from Buttonwood street, near N. Fifth street, hereafter to be called La Harpe court.

Steinmetz court (S. G.), from Pleasant, above Tenth street, hereafter to be called Kenwood court.

Sterling's alley, from No. 15 Cherry street to No. 118 Race street, hereafter to be called Hillsdale alley.

Stewart place, south from Ogden street, above Ninth street, hereafter to be called Hamstead place.

Stewart's alley, from Cherry street to No. 394 Race street, hereafter to be called Hamlin alley.

Stewart's court, west from Vaughn street, hereafter to be called Greenville court.

Stewart's court, north from Mark's lane, hereafter to be called Greenock court.

Stewart's court, from 92 Gaskill street, hereafter to be called Galena court.

Stiles court, opens at No. 110 Washington street, hereafter to be called Gallatin court.

Stiles court, east from Beach street, below Maiden street, hereafter to be called Elba court.

Stiltz's court, east from Charlotte street, above Beaver, hereafter to be called Eshner court.

Stump lane, N. E. from Girard College, hereafter to be called Portage lane.

Summer's court, west from No. 414 south Second street, hereafter to be called Placid court.

Sutherland avenue, from South street, along Schuylkill river, hereafter to be called Humes avenue.

Swanson court, from Sansom street to 153 Walnut street, hereafter to be called Sedgewick street.

Swede's court, east from No. 463 south Second street, hereafter to be called Little Belt court.

School street, east from No. 54 Apple street, [N. L.] hereafter to be called Melloy street.

Sergeant street, east and west from Broad above Cumberland street, hereafter to be called Serrill street.

School street, from Otter to Franklin, north and south, [W. K.] hereafter to be called Sites street.

State street, from Seventh to Eighth, below Whar-ton street, hereafter to be called Perot street.

Sterling street, south from Shippen, from Sixteenth street, hereafter to be called Hampden street.

Summer street, west from Tenth street, (W. P.) hereafter to be called Autumn street.

Summer street, west from Ninth, between Lafayette and Little Washington streets, hereafter to be called Blossom street.

Summer street, west from Second street below the Canal, hereafter to be called Poulson street.

Summit street, west from Fifth street above Master, hereafter to be called Sutton street.

Sycamore street, west of Elm street, north from the Schuylkill, (W. P.) hereafter to be called Transcript street.

St. James street, from Sixth to Seventh, above Mar-ket, hereafter to be called Commerce street.

Taylor street, from Filbert to Jones street, east of Twenty-first street, hereafter to be called Shock street.

Temple street, north from Catharine below Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Beckwith street.

Tyler street, north from Poplar street above Ninth street, hereafter to be called Percy street.

Taylor's alley, from 58 south Front street to 73 south second street, hereafter to be called Inglis alley.

Taylor's court, east from Thirteenth street, above Willow, hereafter to be called Avon court.

Taylor's court, east from Barron street, above South street, hereafter to be called Liberal court.

Taylor's court, west from Charlotte street, above Thompson, hereafter to be called Halleck court.

Taylor's place, east from St. John street, above Beaver, hereafter to be called Keturah court.

Temperance court, from 29 Bonsall street, hereafter to be called Teetotal court.

Temperance place, west from Lisle street to Russell street, hereafter to be called Benneville place.

Thomas alley, from 116 Oak to 415 north Front street, hereafter to be called Proud alley.

Thompson's court, east from No. 283 south Fourth street, hereafter to be called Maddox court.

Thorne's court, west from north Fourth street near George, [N. L.] hereafter to be called Wade court.

Thorn's court, from Ninth near Coates street, hereafter to be called Coupon court.

Tower's court, west from Second below Master street, hereafter to be called Conestoga court.

Townsend's avenue, from No. 118 New Market to Rachel street, hereafter to be called Cozzens avenue.

Trinity Place, east from Seventh above Brown street, hereafter to be called Calvin place.

Turner's court, north from Catharine street below Third, hereafter to be called Vining court.

Turner's street, east from 337 south Fourth street, hereafter to be called Kauffman street.

Union court, [K.] from Bedford to Prince street, between Marlborough and Hanover, hereafter to be called Moral court.

Union Place, S. W. from Lombard and Ashton streets, Schuylkill, hereafter to be called Morality place.

Union court, from 150 Wood street, above the Ridge road, hereafter to be called Pensive court.

Union place, north from Union street, above Front street, hereafter to be called Rutledge place.

Union place, south from Zane street, below Eighth street, hereafter to be called Wadsworth place.

Union alley, from No. 180 Swanson street, to No. 463 south Front street, hereafter to be called Norfolk alley.

Union street, from Bedford street to Frankford road, north and south, (E. K.,) hereafter to be called Savery street.

Union street, from Moore street to Crammond street, hereafter to be called Gilboa street.

Vail's place, south from No. 114 German street, hereafter to be called Nineveh place.

Van Buren place, rear north side of Parrish street, below Eleventh street, hereafter to be called Paley place.

Venango street, west from Twelfth street, to Dean street, below Locust, hereafter to be called Mason street.

Venango street, west from Till street, below Pratt street, hereafter to be called Tilghman street.

Vernon street, from No. 44 South street, to No. 29 Shippen street, hereafter to be called Swift street.

Vernon place, south from Vernon street, between Shippen and Almond streets, hereafter to be called Litchfield place.

Vine alley, from North Tenth street to Broad, above Vine street, hereafter to be called Sciota alley.

Vine court, north from Vine street, below Twelfth street, hereafter to be called Ellsin court.

Wagner's alley, from Fitzwater to Brinton street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, hereafter to be called Moro alley.

Wagner's court, north from North Fifth street, above Noble, to Dean street, hereafter to be called Mendon court.

Wagner's court, west from Fifteenth street, between Race and Vine streets, hereafter to be called McDonald court.

Walker's court, east from No. 229 North Second street, hereafter to be called Lownden court.

Walker's court, (K.,) rear of G. R. and Second street, hereafter to be called Lucas court.

Wall's elbow, from Emlen's court to Rogers' court, hereafter to be called Crooked court.

Wallace court, in rear of Ann street, (F. V.,) hereafter to be called Wilmington court.

Wallace court, west from No. 10 North Front street, hereafter to be called Wabash court.

Wallace court, west from Church street, below Christian street, hereafter to be called Westminster court.

Walnut alley, from north Thirteenth street, west, to

Juniper street, between Cherry and Race streets, hereafter to be called Shellbark alley.

Walnut place, south from No. 84 Walnut street, above Third street, hereafter to be called Peccan place.

Warder's place, north from Duke street, above Front street, hereafter to be called Wellington place.

Ward's Retreat, south from Carroll street, below Thirteenth street, hereafter to be called Safe Retreat.

Warner's court, from No. 118 Catharine street, hereafter to be called Eden court.

Warner's court, west from No. 534 north Fourth street, (N. L.,) hereafter to be called Edina court.

Warner's court, south from No. 230 Shippen street, to German street, hereafter to be called Roxbury court.

Warner's court, south from Stanley to German street, hereafter to be called Sabine court.

Warner's court, south from No. 234 Shippen street, hereafter to be called Samp court.

Warner's court, east from Marshall street, above Poplar street, hereafter to be called Davidson court.

Warren's court, north from No. 5 Farmer street, hereafter to be called Scranton court.

Watkins' alley, from 22 Bread street to 85 north Third street, hereafter to be called Godwin's alley.

Watson's alley, from Branch to New street, hereafter to be called Furness alley.

Watson's alley, south from 104 Locust street, hereafter to be called Vanderveer alley.

Watt's court, Twenty-fourth street, below Spring Garden, hereafter to be called Smethurst court.

Waverly place, from W. to Noble street, north Front, hereafter to be called Clarkson place.

Weaver's court, south from 76 German street, hereafter to be called Lamsen court.

Weaver's court, rear of No. 337 north Front street, hereafter to be called Mansfield court,

Weaver's court, east from 337 north Second street, hereafter to be called Westmore court.

Weaver's court, east from G. T. road to Cadwalla-

der street, north of Camac street, hereafter to be called Warminster court.

Webb's alley, from 221 Cherry street to 336 Race street, hereafter to be called Wellington alley.

Webb's alley, from Oak street [N. L.], to 371 north Front street, hereafter to be called Wisher's alley.

Webster Place, between Duke and West streets, [K.] hereafter to be called Daniel place.

Webster's court, west from 26 Passyunk road, hereafter to be called Pickering court.

Webster's court, rear of Otter street, below Germantown road [K.], hereafter to be called Wonderly court.

Weccacoe avenue, south from No. 12 Christian street, hereafter to be called Greenway avenue.

Weccacoe avenue, south from Christian street near Swanson, hereafter to be called Woodworth avenue.

Wesley's court, Second above Montgomery street, hereafter to be called Wamly court.

West court, from Spring Garden street above Broad, hereafter to be called Martindale court.

West avenue, east from No. 29 New Market street, hereafter to be called Millicent avenue.

Wheeler's court, from St. James street, east end of St. James' church, hereafter to be called Broomley court.

White's court, east from No. 325 St. John street, [K.] hereafter to be called Brodie court.

White's court, east and west from Carolina Place, hereafter to be called Plume's court.

White's court, east from 531 north Fourth street, below George [N. L.], hereafter to be called Blue Bell court.

Whiteman's court, north from Federal above Fifth street, hereafter to be called Cottingham court.

Wiley's court, north from 35 Plum street, hereafter to be called Womrath court.

Williams court, east from Vaughn below Locust street, hereafter to be called Barbary court.

Williams court, from 262 South street to 71 Bedford street, hereafter to be called Mann's court.

Williams court, north from Pleasant above Tenth street, hereafter to be called Hayward court.

Williams court, north from No. 343 Callowhill street, hereafter to be called Winipeg court.

Williams court, north from 79 South street, hereafter to be called Winner's court.

Williamson court, William street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, hereafter to be called Winthrop court.

Williamson court, from Swanson below Prime street, hereafter to be called Wimple's court.

Williamson Place, north from Cherry above Ninth street, hereafter to be called Witherspoon place.

Willing's street, north from Arch above Twenty-second street, hereafter to be called Filson street.

Willow alley, from Willow street above Second street, hereafter to be called Pine Tree alley.

Willow court, south from 180 Pine street to Little Pine street, hereafter to be called Bay Tree court.

Wilson's court, rear of 3 Poplar street, hereafter to be called Wier court.

Wilson's court, rear of 132 Buttonwood street, hereafter to be called Rear court.

Wilson's court, north from Carpenter street, between Eighth and Ninth, hereafter to be called Deer court.

Wistar's avenue, south from Jones street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, hereafter to be called Casper avenue.

Wistar's court, south from Phoenix street below Germantown road, hereafter to be called Dryden's court.

Wistar's court, south from Vine street, east of Broad, hereafter to be called Spenser's court.

Wistar's court, south from Jones street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth, hereafter to be called Ohio court.

Wood court, east from Swanson street, north of Prime, hereafter to be called Bourbon court.

Wager street, east from Germantown road, above Fifth street, (K.,) hereafter to be called Hackley street.

Wager street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street, above Race, hereafter to be called Oswald street.

Warren street, west from Thirty-third street, north of Washington street, hereafter to be called Wright street.

Warren street, from Dean to Quince street, above Spruce street, hereafter to be called Steadman street.

Washington court, west from Washington avenue, above Green street, hereafter to be called Greenwood court.

Washington court, north from No. 203 Lombard street, hereafter to be called Ebenezer court.

Washington place, south from No. 109 west Filbert street, hereafter to be called Elwood place.

Washington court, from north Fifth to Orchard street, above Brown street, hereafter to be called Holland court.

Washington place, south from Washington street, below Seventh, hereafter to be called Fishbourne place.

Washington place, south side of Shippen street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, hereafter to be called Longfellow place.

Washington place, west from Juniper street, below Cherry street, hereafter to be called Hopkinson place.

Washington road, between Green and Hickory streets, hereafter to be called Waterford road.

Washington row, west from No. 130 Lawrence street, (N. L.,) hereafter to be called Wingohocking row.

Washington street, continued from the Permanent Bridge, through Hamilton village, hereafter to be called Market street.

Washington street, from Master street, north above Second, to Montgomery street, (W. K.,) hereafter to be called American street.

Washington street, (Spring Garden,) from Ninth street, to Schuylkill, between Green and Wallace streets, hereafter to be called Mount Vernon street.

Washington street, north from Otter street, between

William and Front streets, hereafter to be called McLean street.

Washington avenue, (N. L.,) from Willow street, north, to the High Bridge, hereafter to be called Beach street.

Washington street, west from Eleventh, between Lombard and South streets, hereafter to be called Rodman street.

Washington street, west from Eighth, below Prime street, hereafter to be called Ellsworth street.

Water street, Schuylkill, west of Twenty-second street, hereafter to be called Hanover street.

Watson street, from Fifth to Arabella street, hereafter to be called Paxton street.

Wayne street, east from No. 293 south Tenth street, hereafter to be called Wertz street.

Wesley street, from Moyamensing road west, hereafter to be called Emmet street.

West street, from Frankford road to Wood street, (K.,) above Duke street, hereafter to be called Verree street.

West street, between Beach and Twenty-third streets, from Broad to Walnut, hereafter to be called Cope street.

West street, east from No. 233 north Second street, hereafter to be called Wilmer street.

Westmoreland street, from Broad to Fifteenth, above Spruce street, hereafter to be called Lardner street.

William street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second street, between Lombard and South, hereafter to be called McDuffie street.

William street, from Eighteenth to Nineteenth street, above South, hereafter to be called McDuffie street.

William street, from Otter to Edward street, north and south, (W. K.,) hereafter to be called Sophia street.

William street, north from Washington street, to Lancaster Pike, hereafter to be called Boudinot street.

Winter street, north from George, above Third street, (N. L.,) hereafter to be called Galloway street.

Wilson street, north from Carpenter, between Eighth and Ninth streets, hereafter to be called Hemphill street.

Wistar street, south from Washington street, above Seventh, east of Passyunk road, hereafter to be called Winfield street.

Wistar street, from Seventh to Franklin, above Spring Garden street, hereafter to be called Minerva street.

Wood street, (K.,) from Queen street, north of Gunner's Run, to West street, hereafter to be called Otis street.

Wyoming street, from Thirteenth to Juniper, between Locust and Spruce streets, hereafter to be called Fairfield street.

Wyoming street, south from Haverford road to Market or Washington street, hereafter to be called Antoinette street.

Wyoming street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-third street, between Market and Filbert, hereafter to be called Welcome street.

Yeager's court, north from Shippen street, below Seventh, hereafter to be called Emden street.

Yeager's court, north from Carlton street, below Broad street, hereafter to be called Holland court.

York place, east from Fifth street, below Poplar street, hereafter to be called Hubert place.

Young's avenue, north from No. 121 Christian street, hereafter to be called Helena avenue.

Young's court, rear of Twentieth street, below George street, hereafter to be called Plumstead court.

Young's place, from No. 118 Christian street, hereafter to be called Marmion place.

Young's place, north from No. 111 Queen street, hereafter to be called Seville place.

York street, east from No. 37 New Market street, to Frankford road, hereafter to be called Onas street.

York street, or court, from No. 103 south Third street, east, to Laurel street, hereafter to be called Evelina street.

York place, east from Fifth street, below Poplar street, hereafter to be called Yeoman place.

SECT. 2. That upon the passage of this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Board of Surveys to have a correct list of the names of the Highways of the City made out, and keep the same on file in the Department, and they are hereby authorized to change the names of the Highways upon the Plans in their office, so as to correspond with this Ordinance.

SECT. 3. That hereafter the name of any new Street or Highway, shall be submitted to the Board of Surveys for its approval—said name to be unlike any now in use in the City of Philadelphia—before said Street or Highway shall be dedicated to public use.

SECT. 4. Immediately upon the passage of this Ordinance, the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall cause the old names to be removed, and the new names placed at each crossing, upon at least two, and where possible, upon diagonally opposite corners of the Highways.

SECT. 5. That so much of any Ordinance as is inconsistent herewith, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 24.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Police report a resolution to make sundry transfers, and ask Councils to pass the same.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
WM. BRADFORD,
R. McCAY, JR.,
CHARLES MCNEAL,
JOHN THOMPSON,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
GEORGE W. WOLF,
JOHN Q. GINNODO.

Dec. 3, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That so much of the appropriation as was made to the Department of Police, by ordinance approved March 6th, 1857, as shall amount to nineteen hundred and twenty-five dollars, be transferred to the following accounts, viz.:

From Item 4, "Salary of Chief of Police," three hundred and seventy-five dollars, to Item 11, "Repairs to Station Houses, Cells," &c.

From Item 4, "Salary of Chief of Police," fifty dollars, and Item 13, "Arrest and conviction of Offenders," one hundred dollars, total, one hundred and fifty dollars, to Item 17, "Incidental expenses, Postages and Porterages."

From Item 16, "Taking up Dogs," two hundred dollars, to Item 10, "meals and medical attendance."

From Item 20, "Expenses to be incurred in the in-

vestigation of alleged violations of law," three hundred and fifty dollars, to Item 19, "Acids and repairs to Police and Fire alarm Telegraph."

From Item 20, "Expenses to be incurred in the investigation of alleged violations of law," eight hundred dollars, to Item 14, "Bedding, badges, rattles, &c., and accommodation and care of lodgers."

From Item 6, "Rent," fifty dollars, to Item 8, "Conveyance of Prisoners."

APPENDIX No. 25.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that a bill of Jesper Harding, for certain printing done in the year 1856, has been referred to them for examination. The bill amounts to \$580.62, which has been reduced to \$435.50 by your Committee, who recommend that this amount be paid.

There is a deficiency in the item of appropriation to the Department of the City Commissioners, for the payment of Grand Jurors for the year 1857. Your Committee, however, provide for this deficiency, by a transfer of certain items of an ordinance, approved April 11, 1857, making an appropriation to that Department for deficiencies for 1856, which have never been used; provision is made in the same way for the interpreter to the Grand Jury, the fund provided for the payment of whom is also exhausted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ALFRED DAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
W. P. HACKER,
JOHN F. MASCHER.

Dec. 3, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of a claim of Jesper Harding, and to transfer certain items of appropriation.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the claim of Jesper Harding, for printing Controller's report, in January, 1856.

SEC. 2. That the sum of eight hundred and eight dollars be taken from item "one," and three hundred and one dollars from item "two," of an appropriation to the Department of the City Commissioners, approved on the eleventh day of April, A. D. 1857, making in the aggregate eleven hundred and nine dollars, and that the same be appropriated as follows :

Nine hundred and ninety-three dollars thereof to be transferred to item 14 of appropriation to the same Department, made on the 17th of March, A. D. 1857, to pay Grand Jurors for 1857.

One hundred and sixteen dollars thereof to the same item, to pay for the interpreter.

SEC. 3. Warrants for the payment of the foregoing appropriations shall be drawn by the City Commissioners, in accordance with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 26.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance submit the annexed resolution.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
I. N. MARSELIS,
ALFRED DAY,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
R. McCAY, JR.,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS.

Dec. 3, 1857.

RESOLUTION

To transfer a certain item of appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby transferred from item No. 8 of appropriation by ordinance of March 17th, 1857, “for printing bills, notices,” &c., to item No. 6., “for blank books and stationery.”

APPENDIX No. 27.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a report of the Committee on Claims in

favor of paying the bills of Joseph Manuel, N. Le Brun, William Saffin, James Miller, Joseph Johns, and Robert McCally, report an ordinance for the payment of these claims, excepting those of William Saffin, Keeper of the Debtors' Apartment of the County Prison, and James Miller, Messenger of the late Marshal of Police. As regards the demand of Mr. Saffin, your Committee refer to their report of June 11th, 1857, to be found in Appendix Journal of Common Council, p. 61; and as regards that of Mr. Miller, as no such officer was provided for by Councils, his employment was unwarranted, and the City should not be asked to provide for his compensation.

Your Committee also report in favor of paying sixty dollars for one year's rent of a school-house in Dunton street, in the 16th section, and of fifteen dollars to Bernard Rourke, for carriage hire for Committee on Poor, in September, 1856. The Committee also report that the bill of William Tustin, for twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, for wages in setting lamp posts, appropriated to him by ordinance of October 3, 1856, but never demanded, should be paid, and submit the annexed ordinance.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
I. N. MARSELIS,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
EDW. S. HANDY,
A. J. HOLMAN.

Dec. 3, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay Joseph Manuel and others.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four hundred and seventy-seven dollars and sixteen cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following claims:—

1. Joseph Manuel, gas fitting Young America Engine House, fifty-five dollars and eighty-seven cents.

2. N. Le Brun, superintending block of marble for Washington Monument, one hundred and fifty dollars.

3. N. Le Brun, services as architect of Germantown Hall, a balance of account, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents.

4. Joseph Johns, for measuring mason work of Bridge and Culvert in the 22d Ward, in June, 1855, thirteen dollars and ninety-four cents.

5. Robert McCally, for services as a police officer, twenty dollars.

6. James S. Smith, rent of school-house in Dunton street, in the 16th section, to June 10, 1857, sixty dollars.

7. Bernard Rourke, for hire of their carriages for Committee on Poor, in September, 1856, fifteen dollars.

8. William Tustin, wages for labor in setting lamp posts, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn as follows: For item 1, by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, for items 2 and 5, by the Mayor, for item 3, by the Commissioner of City Property, for items 4 and 8 by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, item 6 by the Controllers of the Public Schools, and item 7 by the Clerks of Councils.

APPENDIX No. 28.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred by Select Council a bill to authorize the

exchange of the Pennsylvania Rail Road stock for equal amounts of the Certificates of Loan by the City of Philadelphia, respectfully report, that they approve of the conversion of City securities generally into City bonds, and the appropriation of the bonds thus obtained to the Sinking Fund, whenever such conversion can be made without loss to the City.

Such a transfer of the amount of stocks, bonds, &c., now owned by the City, or any portion of them, into her own certificates of debt, would be a virtual payment of that amount of the indebtedness of the City.

Your Committee believe that, if the authority were vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to dispose of these securities from time to time, and whenever an equivalent par amount can be invested in City bonds, in the manner proposed, the fluctuations in the market value of public securities would frequently present occasions when the authority thus given would be operative and advantageous. They therefore recommend the annexed bill to your consideration for that purpose.

W. HEYWARD DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
I. N. MARSELIS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
R. McCAY, JR.,
A. J. HOLMAN,
ALFRED DAY.

Dec. 3, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the sale of Bonds, Mortgages, Plank Road and Rail Road stocks, owned by the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and transfer, or cause to be sold and transferred, the bonds, mortgages, plank

road and rail road stocks, or any portion or portions of them, now owned by the City of Philadelphia, and to invest the proceeds of the same in certificates of the six per cent. loans of the said City. *Provided*, that the sales and investments hereby authorized shall be made at prices equivalent to an equal exchange at the respective par values thereof. *Provided also*, that the obligations issued respectively by the Districts of Spring Garden and the Northern Liberties only shall be received in payment for the stock of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, subscribed for by those Districts.

SECT. 2. The certificates of loan forming said investments, shall, when received, be appropriated to the respective Sinking Funds of said City, in accordance with the laws and ordinances thereof.

APPENDIX No. 29.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., upon various petitions referred to them, report herewith “Resolutions to authorize the paving of Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, and for other purposes,” the adoption of which they respectfully recommend.

There is a resolution to authorize the grading of several streets, on and near the Camac estate, in the southeast corner of the Twenty-first Ward. The parties interested in this property have agreed to pay half of the cost of this grading, and to cash at par the City warrants drawn for the payment of the other half; and the Committee are of the opinion that this is a very

liberal offer on the part of the owners, and presents a favorable opportunity to grade streets, at half price, in a locality where the advance of improvement is rapid, and where, in a year or two, the work would be required to be done and the City to incur the whole expense.

The Committee have also reported anew the resolution to pay the claim of Philip Quigley, for the balance due for the erection of a bridge over Mill creek, on the line of Walnut street, in the Twenty-Fourth Ward. This resolution, when reported heretofore, after passing Common Council, was opposed and rejected in Select Council. But it is now alleged by the parties interested, that the members of Select Council who opposed it have been enlightened on the subject, and that it will now pass that body without opposition.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JAS. BURNS,
PETER FRAILEY,
ALFRED CREASE,
JOHN F. DEAL,
JOHN M. FORD,
JOHN K. GAMBLE,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.

Dec. 3, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the Paving of Twentieth and Twenty-second streets, in the Fifteenth Ward, and for other purposes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on Twentieth street, from Pennsylvania avenue to Parrish street, and on Twenty-second street, from Coates to Brown street, in the Fifteenth Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same, by means of a competent paver, to be approved by the Highway Department; the said work to be carefully

supervised by the proper officer of the said Department, while the same is progressing; and the water pipe to be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade Bridge street, from the Frankford and Bristol turnpike road southward to the Bridge over Frankford Creek, at Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward, and to expend therein not exceeding the sum of eight hundred dollars; and the said Department is also authorized to give notice to the owners of property on the said Bridge street, between Trenton avenue and the Tacony road, to set the curb and pave the footways in front of their respective properties.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is authorized to enter into a contract with J. Nolen, for grading East Washington lane, in the Twenty-second Ward, for a sum not to exceed twelve hundred dollars; said contract to be submitted to and approved by Councils, before the same is binding on the City.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated to the Highway Department, to be paid to the owners or agents of the property known as the Camae estate, situate in the south-east corner of the Twenty-first Ward, for the grading of Eleventh and Twelfth streets, from Montgomery to Lancaster street, and Berks and Lancaster streets from Tenth to Thirteenth street. *Provided*, That the amount of the said grading shall not be less than six thousand seven hundred cubic yards.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of Philip Quigley, for the sum of three thousand five hundred and thirty dollars, in full payment of his claim against the City, for work done and materials furnished in the erection and construction of the bridge over Mill creek, on the line of Walnut street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and the same shall be paid out of item fifteenth, for building wing-walls to Girard Avenue Bridge, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, of the appropria-

tions made to the Highway Department by the ordinance, approved March 16, A. D. 1857. *Provided*, that before drawing the said warrant, the said Chief Commissioner shall be satisfied, that no other person has any claim against the City arising from the erection or construction of the said bridge.

APPENDIX No. 30.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE RECEIVER OF TAXES.

OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, }
December 10, 1857. }

*To the President and Members of the
Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully call your attention to a joint resolution passed by the Select and Common Councils, on July 23d, authorizing the appointment of eight temporary Receiving Clerks by this Department, whose term of service, according to the provisions of the resolution, will expire on the 1st of January, 1858, which will reduce the number to only four, a force wholly inadequate to perform the duties devolving upon them.

The receipts of taxes in the month of January last, for 1856, was \$243.382 89, which, I apprehend, will be larger the ensuing month, and in addition thereto, the bills of delinquents will be required to be made out after the 15th of January for Registration, and entered on collection books for the collectors of delinquent taxes, which will require the whole number

now employed, I would therefore respectfully request authority to continue the number now engaged.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

PETER ARMBRUSTER,

Receiver of Taxes.

APPENDIX No. 31.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CONTROLLERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PHILADELPHIA, December 9, 1857.

At a meeting of the Controllers of Public Schools, First District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers' Chamber, on Tuesday, December 8, 1857, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted:—

Whereas, The Board of Controllers of Public Schools, at their last meeting, passed a resolution requesting the Sectional Boards to send in all their accounts up to the 31st December next, in order that they might be charged to the appropriations made for said purpose,—and

Whereas, The balance standing to the credit of this Board, is \$118,447.74, and the amount of bills reported by the Committee on Accounts and passed by the Board this day, is \$111,832.49, leaving a balance of said appropriation to the City of \$6,615.25,—and

Whereas, The appropriation made to this Board, consisted of two hundred and seventy-six items, leaving balance to the credit of some and deficits on others, which could not be avoided in the carrying on of so large a department of the City government,—Therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Councils be requested to make transfers of items of appropriations to this Board, so that the accounts for the present year may be closed by the 31st inst.

ROBERT J. HEMPHILL, *Secretary*,

To John Miller, Esq., President of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 32.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CONTROLLERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1857.

At a meeting of the Controllers of Public Schools, First District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers' chamber, on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1857, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the City Councils be requested to grant a special appropriation of \$2,500 for the purpose of rebuilding the class-rooms, and for repairing and replacing the furniture damaged and destroyed by the late fire at Ringgold school house.

ROBERT J. HEMPHILL, *Secretary*.

To John Miller, Esq., President of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 33.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance submit the annexed ordinance to provide for the payment of the funded debt, falling due on the 1st of January, A. D. 1858, and ask that it be passed.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
I. N. MARSELIS,
A. J. HOLMAN,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ALFRED DAY,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
W. P. HACKER.

Dec. 10, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the sale of City Loans, to pay the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on January 1., 1858, and to make an appropriation for the payment of the same.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, are hereby authorized and directed to sell, at fair market rates, so much of the six per cent. Loans of the City of Philadelphia, now forming part of the Sinking Funds of the City, as will, with any portion of said Sinking Fund now uninvested produce the sum of one hundred and fourteen thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars, which said sum is hereby appropriated, when realized by such sales, to the payment of the principal of the funded debt of said City, falling due on the 1st day of January, 1858.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in the manner and form, and with the requisites prescribed in existing ordinances, respecting the drawing of warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 34.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance submit the annexed ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt, falling due on the 1st of January, A. D. 1858, and ask that it be passed.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
I. N. MARSELIS,
A. J. HOLMAN,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ALFRED DAY,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
W. P. HACKER.

Dec. 10, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the first day of January, one-thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of five hundred and sixty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay the interest of the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said interest shall be drawn as follows: The City Treasurer shall present to the Mayor a list of the Loan-Holders, to be paid as aforesaid, the amount of the principal of the debt owned by them respectively—the rate and amount of interest accrued—the amount of State tax to be deducted and retained, and the net sum due for interest; and at the foot of such list the Mayor shall add the following warrant:—

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
(Date.) }

To the City Treasurer:—

Pay to the persons and corporations, above named, the amounts respectively due to them, as above set forth, for interest on City Debt, due

Mayor.

The said list and warrants shall then be presented to the Controller to be countersigned.

APPENDIX No. 35.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have had under consideration the appropriation bills for several of the Departments for the year 1858, of which they now submit the following for the consideration of Councils:—

Appropriation to Department Controllers of Public Schools, to Department of Wharves and Landings, to the Law Department, to Department of Clerks of Councils, to Department of City Treasurer, to Department of City Controller, to Department for Lighting the City, to the City Ice Boat and to Wills' Hospital.

All of which are submitted for consideration.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ALFRED DAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
W. P. HACKER,
I. N. MARSELIS.

Dec. 10, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools in the said District, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four hundred and sixty-eight thousand one hundred and forty-four dollars and ninety-five cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Public Schools in said District, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, for the following purpose; that is to say—

For the Expenses of the High School:

For salaries of teachers, sixteen thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars.
 salaries of house cleaners, five hundred and fifty dollars.
 repairs, four hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, fifty dollars.
 furniture, one hundred dollars.
 printing and petty expenses, one hundred dollars.
 rent of room, for commencement, eighty dollars.
 gas, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Normal School:

For salaries, five thousand seven hundred dollars.
 house cleaners' salary, three hundred and seventy five dollars.
 repairs, one hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, fifty dollars.
 furniture, fifty dollars.
 printing and petty expenses, one hundred dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the First Section, as follows:

For salaries, fifteen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

For house cleaners' salary, one thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-seven cents.
 rents, four hundred and seventy dollars.
 repairs and additions, five hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars.
 furniture, five hundred dollars.
 Night schools, five hundred dollars.
 incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Second Section, as follows :

For salaries, seven thousand three hundred and twenty dollars.
 house cleaners, one thousand and four dollars and eighty-six cents.
 rents, five hundred and forty-seven dollars,
 repairs and additions, twelve hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, two hundred and fifty dollars.
 furniture, four hundred dollars.
 Night schools, four hundred dollars.
 incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Third Section, as follows :

For salaries, fourteen thousand five hundred and thirty dollars.
 house cleaners, one thousand five hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-four cents.
 rents, eighteen hundred dollars.
 repairs and additions, six hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars.
 furniture, two hundred dollars.
 Night school, six hundred dollars.
 incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For Expenses of the Schools of the Fourth Section, as follows :

For salaries, nine thousand one hundred and ninety dollars.

For house cleaners, nine hundred and fifty-four dollars
 and ninety-eight cents.
 rents, thirteen hundred and ten dollars.
 repairs, eight hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.
 furniture, two hundred dollars.
 Night schools, six hundred dollars.
 incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Fifth Section, as follows :

For salaries, eleven thousand five hundred and ninety
 dollars.
 house cleaners' salary, one thousand and seventy-
 five dollars.
 rents, nine hundred dollars.
 repairs and additions, seven hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.
 furniture, two hundred dollars.
 incidental expenses and printing, one hundred
 dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Sixth Section, as follows :

For salaries, eight thousand two hundred and ninety
 dollars.
 house cleaners' salary, eight hundred and eighteen
 dollars.
 rents, nine hundred and fifty dollars.
 repairs and additions, four hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.
 furniture, three hundred dollars.
 Night schools, five hundred dollars.
 incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Seventh Section, as follows :

For salaries, ten thousand nine hundred and forty
 dollars.

For house cleaners' salary, eleven hundred and seventy dollars.

rents, two hundred dollars.

repairs and additions, one hundred dollars.

furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.

furniture, one hundred dollars.

Night schools, six hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Eighth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, six thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars.

house cleaners' salary, seven hundred and ninety-one dollars.

rents, fifteen hundred and sixty dollars.

repairs and additions, fifty dollars.

furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.

furniture, two hundred dollars.

Night schools, six hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Ninth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, nine thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars.

house cleaners' salary, eleven hundred and forty four dollars.

rents, eleven hundred dollars.

repairs and additions, including a new roof on the
Zane Street School House, nine hundred and sixty dollars.

furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars.

furniture, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Night schools, three hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Tenth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, twelve thousand eight hundred and ten dollars.
house cleaners' salary, fourteen hundred and eleven dollars.
rents, ten hundred dollars.
repairs and additions, five hundred dollars.
furnaces and stoves, four hundred and fifty dollars.
furniture, five hundred dollars.
Night schools, six hundred dollars.
incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Eleventh Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, eleven thousand five hundred and sixty dollars.
house cleaners' salary, twelve hundred and two dollars.
rents, nine hundred and seventy-five dollars.
repairs and additions, two hundred and fifty dollars.
furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.
furniture, one hundred dollars.
Night schools, five hundred dollars.
incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twelfth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, eight thousand two hundred dollars.
house cleaners' salary, eight hundred and eighty-one dollars.
rents, seventeen hundred and seventy-two dollars.
repairs and additions, six hundred and fifty dollars.
furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.
furniture, one hundred dollars.
Night schools, five hundred dollars.
incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Thirteenth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, nine thousand and eighty dollars.
 house cleaners' salary, eight hundred and thirty-two dollars.
 rents, five hundred dollars.
 repairs and additions, five hundred and fifty dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.
 furniture, three hundred dollars.
 Night schools, four hundred dollars.
 incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Fourteenth Section,
as follows :*

For Salaries, sixteen thousand six hundred and ninety dollars.
 house cleaners' salary, thirteen hundred and ninety-eight dollars.
 rents, eight hundred dollars.
 repairs and additions, five hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.
 furniture, one hundred and fifty dollars.
 Night schools, six hundred dollars.
 incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Fifteenth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, thirteen thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars.
 house cleaners' salary, eleven hundred and eighty dollars.
 rents, seventeen hundred and fifty dollars.
 repairs and additions, six hundred dollars.
 furnaces and stoves, four hundred dollars.
 furniture, three hundred dollars.
 Night schools, six hundred dollars.
 incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Sixteenth Section,
as follows:*

For salaries, eleven thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

house cleaners' salary, one thousand and twenty-three dollars.

rents, nine hundred and fifty dollars.

repairs and additions, four hundred dollars.

furnaces and stoves, three hundred and twenty-five dollars.

furniture, three hundred dollars.

Night schools, five hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Seventeenth Section,
as follows:*

For salaries, eleven thousand two hundred and twenty dollars.

house cleaners' salary, one thousand and forty dollars.

rents, eleven hundred and sixty dollars.

repairs and additions, three hundred dollars.

furnaces and stoves, two hundred and fifty dollars.

furniture, one hundred dollars.

Night schools, one thousand dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Eighteenth Section,
as follows:*

For salaries, fifteen thousand three hundred and sixty dollars.

house cleaners' salary, one thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars.

rents, eleven hundred and twenty dollars.

repairs and additions, six hundred dollars.

furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars.

furniture, two hundred dollars.

Night schools, four hundred and fifty dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Nineteenth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, nine thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars.

house cleaners' salary, thirteen hundred and thirty-three dollars.

rents, sixteen hundred and seventy-five dollars.

repairs and additions, five hundred dollars.

furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars.

furniture, two hundred dollars.

Night schools, six hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twentieth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, ten thousand two hundred and twenty dollars.

house cleaners' salary, nine hundred and six dollars.

rents, eight hundred dollars.

repairs and additions, five hundred dollars.

furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars.

furniture, two hundred dollars.

Night schools, seven hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twenty-first Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, ten thousand seven hundred and forty dollars.

house cleaners' salary, eleven hundred and sixty-one dollars,

rents, three hundred and fifty dollars.

repairs and additions, eight hundred dollars.

furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars.

furniture, four hundred dollars.

Night schools, twelve hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twenty-second Section, as follows:

For salaries, eight thousand eight hundred and ninety-five dollars.

house cleaners' salary, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

rents, five hundred and thirty-eight dollars.

repairs and additions, five hundred dollars.

furnaces, two hundred dollars.

furniture, one hundred dollars.

Night schools, six hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twenty-third Section, as follows:

For salaries, eighteen thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars.

house cleaners' salary, fifteen hundred and fifty-eight dollars.

rents, seven hundred and forty-seven dollars.

repairs and additions, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

furnaces, two hundred dollars.

furniture, two hundred dollars.

Night schools, eight hundred dollars.

incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.

Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twenty-fourth Section, as follows:

For salaries, twelve thousand five hundred and twenty dollars.

house cleaners' salary, twelve hundred and seventy-two dollars.

rents, nine hundred and fifteen dollars.

repairs and additions, seven hundred dollars.

furnaces and stoves, two hundred and fifty dollars.

furniture, three hundred dollars.

Night schools, five hundred dollars.

For incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars.
 Clerk hire, fifty dollars.

General Expenses.

For Ground rents, nine thousand dollars.
 fuel, eighteen thousand dollars.
 books and stationery, thirty-five thousand dollars.
 the employment of additional teachers, if found necessary during the year, three thousand dollars.
 the rent of additional buildings, for school purposes, two thousand dollars.
 salary of Secretary, fifteen hundred dollars.
 salary of Assistant Secretary, seven hundred and fifty dollars.
 salary of Messenger, four hundred and eighty dollars.
 rent of office, nine hundred dollars.
 printing annual report, roll books, registers, blanks, &c., &c., one thousand five hundred dollars.
 advertising, three hundred dollars.
 portorage on books, carriage hire, gas bills and incidentals, twelve hundred dollars.
 expenses of Committee on Property, and Grammar, Secondary and Primary schools, two hundred dollars.
 expenses of Committee on Qualification of Teachers, two hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the City, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine dollars and seventeen cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Market Houses, for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, as follows :

1. For cleansing docks, two thousand dollars.
2. For repairing wharves and landings, two thousand dollars.
3. For repairing wharves, five hundred dollars.
4. For ground-rents, two hundred and seventy-nine dollars and seventeen cents.
5. For advertising and incidentals, one hundred and fifty dollars.

SECT. 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Commissioner of Market Houses, in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation for the Expenses of the Law Department for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of nineteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Law Department for the expenses thereof, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, to be applied as follows, viz. :

1. For salaries, nine thousand two hundred dollars.
2. For advertising liens, two thousand five hundred dollars.

3. For Prothonotaries' costs, two thousand five hundred dollars.
4. For Sheriffs' costs, four thousand five hundred dollars.
5. For blank books and stationery, three hundred dollars.
6. For printing, two hundred dollars.
7. For service of subpœnas, one hundred and fifty dollars.
8. For witness fees, and certified copies of papers and plans, two hundred dollars.
9. For care of office, one hundred dollars.
10. For miscellaneous expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars.
11. For advertising and posting notices of plans, surveys, and incidental expenses, three hundred dollars.
12. For law books for the department, fifty dollars.

SECT. 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils for the Expenses of Councils, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of twenty-eight thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Clerks of Councils, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, as follows :

1. For salaries of clerks, messengers and door keepers of Councils, six thousand six hundred and twenty dollars.
2. For printing journals, ordinances and miscellaneous printing, nine thousand five hundred dollars.
3. For binding journals, ordinances, &c., two thousand six hundred dollars.
4. For advertising ordinances, &c., &c., six thousand dollars.

5. For stationery and blank books, one thousand five hundred dollars.
6. For recording ordinances, five hundred dollars.
7. For carriage hire, for the use of Committees of Councils, eight hundred dollars.
8. For incidental expenses, cleansing rooms, &c., one thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasury, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of ten thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the expenses of the Department of the City Treasury, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

1. For the salary of the City Treasurer, twenty-five hundred dollars.
2. For the salaries of permanent Clerks and Officers in the Department, four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.
3. For temporary Clerk hire, eleven hundred dollars.
4. For books, printing and stationery, sixteen hundred and fifty dollars.
5. For advertising, one hundred and fifty dollars.
6. For fuel, office and other expenses, seven hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of City Controller, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of the City Controller, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, for the following purposes, namely :

1. For salaries of the Controller and Chief Clerk, three thousand seven hundred dollars.
2. For salaries of the Assistant Clerks and Messengers, seven thousand seven hundred dollars.
3. For books and stationery, five hundred dollars.
4. For printing and advertising annual statement of 1857, in two daily newspapers, thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.
5. For cleansing and care of office, two hundred dollars.
6. For incidental expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars.

SECTION 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

 AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for furnishing Gas, and lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps, and for the erection of new Lamps, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two hundred and thirty-two thousand three hundred and fifty-six dollars and eighty cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, as per contract made between the Mayor of the City and the Trustees of the City Gas Works, under an ordinance of Councils, approved February 16th, 1856, and for the erection of new lamps, as follows :

1. For furnishing gas, lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps in use January 1st, 1858, being five thousand six hundred and seventy-seven lamps, at thirty-eight dollars and forty cents each, two hundred and seventeen thousand nine hundred and ninety-six dollars and eighty cents, (\$217,996.80.)
2. For furnishing gas and lighting lamps that may be erected during the year, four thousand eight hundred dollars, (\$4,800.)
3. For new lamps which may be erected during the year, six thousand three hundred dollars, (\$6,300.)
4. For altering fluid lamps to gas, twelve hundred and sixty dollars, (\$1,260.)
5. For repairs during the year, two thousand dollars, (\$2,000.)

SECT. 2. That warrants for the payment of any part of the said appropriation shall be drawn in the manner and form and with the requisites contained in an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps," approved February 16th, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of eleven thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, for the following purposes, namely :

1. For repairs to boat and machinery, three thousand dollars.
2. For fuel, four thousand dollars.
3. For wages, three thousand dollars.
4. For provisions, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

5. For beds and bedding, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.
6. For insurance, wharfage, stationery and incidental expenses, five hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of said Hospital, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of six thousand and nineteen dollars and sixty cents, out of the income of the funds devised and bequeathed, and vested in this Corporation for the Wills Hospital, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Managers of the said Hospital, for the support and management of the same, during the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight,—to be apportioned as follows :

1. For house expenses, three thousand eight hundred and forty-two dollars and ninety-two cents, (\$3,842.92.)
2. For salaries and wages, one thousand three hundred and forty-eight dollars and seventy-four cents, (\$1,348.74.)
3. For the Medical Department, four hundred and seventy-three dollars and twenty-two cents, (\$473.22.)
4. For repairs to Real Estate and Taxes, three hundred and fifty-four dollars and seventy-two cents, (\$354.72.)

SECT. 2. That warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 36.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance report, that, from an examination recently made by them of some of the transactions of the Board of Health, they feel convinced that a large sum of money has been paid out of the City Treasury to Messrs. Kain & Schaffer, under a contract between them and the Board of Health, for filling the lot at the corner of Broad and Prime streets, for work which has never been performed. Your Committee feel it their duty to offer the following resolution, and to ask that it be adopted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
I. N. MARSELIS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
ALFRED DAY,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
W. P. HACKER.

Dec. 10, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Solicitor be instructed to institute suit forthwith against Messrs. Kain & Schaffer, to recover any sums of money unwarrantably received by them from the City Treasury, under a contract, or an alleged contract, with the Board of Health, for filling the lot at the corner of Broad and Prime streets, if upon examination he finds any reasonable ground to hope for a successful prosecution of such suit.

APPENDIX No. 37.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report, that under the authority of an ordinance, approved September 7, 1857, the City Treasurer was authorized to borrow temporarily sums of money to meet demands upon the Treasury, not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. Under this authority the Treasurer has borrowed at several times, a sum amounting to seventy-five thousand dollars, and it will be necessary to use the remainder to meet the interest due on January 1st next. Your Committee ask that the annexed ordinance be passed, making an appropriation to pay the interest on the amount so authorized to be borrowed. The Committee also ask that the sum of three hundred dollars be allowed to the Chief Clerk of Common Council for extraordinary services rendered to the Committee on Finance.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
I. N. MARSELIS,
A. J. HOLMAN,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ALFRED DAY,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
W. P. HACKER,
D. S. BEIDEMAN.

Dec. 10, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on a temporary loan, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three thousand three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the following purposes:—

1. To pay interest on temporary loans, obtained under ordinance of September 7, 1857, \$3000 00
2. To pay John D. Miles, Clerk of Common Council, for extraordinary services rendered Committee on Finance, \$300 00

SEC. 2. Warrants for item 1 shall be drawn by the City Treasurer, and for item 2 by the Clerks of Councils.

APPENDIX No. 38.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully offer the accompanying resolution, transferring \$158.10 from item 1, for “House expenses,” to item 3, for “the Medical Department,” of the appropriation for Wills Hospital, and ask its adoption.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
EDW. S. HANDY,
ALFRED DAY.

Dec. 10, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and ten cents be, and the same is hereby transferred from item 1 to Item 3 of “An Ordinance to make an Appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1857.”

APPENDIX No. 39.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKET HOUSES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Market Houses, to whom was referred the estimate from the Department of Market Houses of the expenses of said Department required for the year 1858, respectfully report the following, and ask its adoption:—

1. For the salary of the Commissioner, nine hundred dollars.
2. For salaries of Clerks of the Markets, four thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.
3. For printing, books, advertising, stationery, and office expenses, three hundred and thirty dollars.
4. For State tax and Ground rents, eighteen hundred and thirty-three dollars and seventy cents.
5. For gas bill for Race street market, three hundred dollars.
6. For repairs to market houses, four thousand dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS McMANUS, *Chairman*,
ADAM MAAG,
DAVID McCLEAN,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
PETER HALL,
JOHN K. GAMBLE,
PETER MAISON,
JOHN P. VERREE,
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Dec. 10, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 40.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to offer the accompanying ordinance, and ask its speedy adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
JACOB MOYER,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
WM. NEAL,
JOHN P. VERREE,
ALBERT B. ASHTON.

Dec. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation out of certain Trust Funds to the Superintendent of Trusts, to invest in City loan.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-two cents be, and the same hereby is appropriated to the Superintendent of Trusts, to invest in City Loan, in trust for the use of "Wills Hospital;" the said sum of three hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-two cents being composed of three hundred and fifty-nine dollars and ninety-two cents, received from William Weiss' legacy, and of twenty dollars received from P. Blennon's legacy.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Superintendent of Trusts in accordance with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 41.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of the Columbia Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department, respectfully report the accompanying resolution and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
SETH AUSTIN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN P. VERREE,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the services of the Columbia Hose Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

APPENDIX No. 42.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to report the accompanying resolution and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
SETH AUSTIN,
JACOB MOYER,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
JOHN P. VERREE,
P. MAISON,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.,
WM. NEAL.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of seventy-eight dollars and twenty-two cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of Item 13, of an ordinance approved March 2, 1857, entitled “An ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department for the year 1857,” to E. N. Creighton, for one month and seventeen days’ salary, as Assistant Engineer of the steam fire engine Young America.

APPENDIX No. 43.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the communication of the Chief Engineer, reporting the Moyamensing Hose Company for violating the ordinance of 1855, respectfully report, that, by the communication it appears that the company *did not* violate the ordinance, but that an individual, to the Committee unknown, *did* do so, by striking the bell in Spring Garden Hall for a general alarm, and that therefore the company ought to be exonerated from all blame. It appears to your Committee, that the Chief Engineer should not report such cases to Councils, but that he would be more subservient to public interest by endeavoring to discover the really guilty parties, and bringing *them* to justice. And they offer the accompanying resolution, and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
SETH AUSTIN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN P. VERREE,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

APPENDIX No. 44.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom were referred the petitions of the Northern Liberty Fire Company, No. 1, and of the Spring Garden Engine Company, asking for a loan of five hundred feet of hose, each, and also of the Liberty Engine Company, of Holmesburg, asking for a donation of \$500, respectfully report adverse thereto, and ask the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
SETH AUSTIN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subjects.

APPENDIX No. 45.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred a message from

the Mayor, dated October 19, 1857, in relation to the "Boudinot Lands," held in trust by the City of Philadelphia, respectfully report, that they, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Trusts, have carefully considered the same, and are sorry to say, that said lands cannot be made available for the alleviation of the distresses of the poor, this coming winter, nor for many years to come. These lands have been a continued source of expense to the City for the past thirty-six years, in the payment of taxes and other outlays connected therewith, and it is doubtful whether they ever can be made to reimburse the City for the money expended thereon. They are, as stated in the will, "rough and mountainous," and are almost inaccessible by any ordinary mode of travel, there being no roads of any kind upon or within a great distance of the same.

The "many hundred acres of extraordinary rich level soil," mentioned in the will, are now in possession of some eight or ten squatters, who use the same for *hunting* and other purposes. Some of these intruders have resided upon said lands over twenty-five years, and it was with a view to dispossess these intruders, that the sum of \$300 was appropriated to the Superintendent of Trusts, by Ordinance approved December 6, 1856, to enable him to employ counsel, but unfortunately, the counsel employed informs us that no steps can be taken to that effect, unless the lands are first properly surveyed; and he informs your Committee, that it will require \$1500 to accomplish that object.

Your Committee, therefore, offer the accompanying ordinance, and respectfully ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
 JOHN B. MAKINS,
 JACOB MOYER,
 JOSEPH WATERMAN,
 JOHN P. VERREE,
 WM. NEAL,
 ALBERT B. ASHTON,
 P. MAISON.

Dec. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purpose of paying for the surveying of the Boudinot Lands.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is, by the authority hereof, appropriated to the Superintendent of Trusts, and the Superintendent of Trusts is hereby authorized and directed to expend the same for the purpose of paying for the services of suitable Surveyors to be appointed by him, whose duty it shall be to survey such portions of the Boudinot Lands held in trust by the City, as the Superintendent may designate.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Superintendent of Trusts.

APPENDIX No. 46.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from Select Council, asking for transfers of items of appropriation in the ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1857, return the same with a recommendation that it receive the sanction of this Chamber.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
ALBERT B. ASHTON,
I. N. MARSELIS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ROBERT WARNOCK,
WM. M. BAIRD,
THOS. TYSON BUTCHER.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTION

To transfer items of appropriation to the Department of Surveys.

Resolved. By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Controller be authorized and is hereby directed to transfer portions of the following items of the appropriation contained in the ordinance approved March 2, 1857, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1857," as follows, viz.: From Item 13, four hundred dollars, to Item 14, and from Item 13, four hundred dollars, to Item 16, and from Item 12, seven hundred dollars, to Item 16.

APPENDIX No. 47.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Stuart & Bro., on Bank street, asking privilege to construct a drain from Chestnut street to their property on the line of Bank street, beg leave to report the annexed bill, asking that it may receive favorable consideration.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
ALBERT B. ASHTON,
I. N. MARSELIS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ROBT. WARNOCK,
WM. M. BAIRD,
THOS. TYSON BUTCHER.

Dec. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on the line of Bank street, northwardly from Chestnut Street, in the Sixth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property situate on Bank street, in the Sixth Ward, are hereby authorized to construct a Culvert or Drain, to commence at and intersect the Culvert at Chestnut street and Bank street, to extend northwardly along Bank street to the summit between Market and Chestnut streets; to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Highways. *Provided*, before the said Culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant with the City of Philadelphia, to build it at their own expense, and upon its completion to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SEC. 2. The said Culvert when completed shall become the property of the City without condition, saving and excepting that should a permit to make a Drain to said Culvert, be hereafter granted by the City, to a person or persons who have not contributed to the expense of constructing said Culvert, then and in such case the parties constructing the same, under this ordinance, are hereby authorized to demand of the person or persons to whom such permit shall be granted, such part of the original cost thereof as shall be proportionate to the frontage of his, her or their property thereon; and in case of neglect or refusal to pay said sum, they may sue for and collect the same. *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such culvert shall have been filed in the Office of the Department of Surveys. *And provided also*, that the annual charge or rentage shall be paid as specified in "Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into Common Sewers," approved May 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 48.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from Select Council, notifying this chamber that they had passed a resolution “To continue the grade regulations on a portion of the Twenty-third Ward,” beg leave to return the same, with a recommendation that it be adopted ; the necessity for the completion of said work, which was commenced last year, being imperative, to allow the extension of improvements.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
THOMAS T. BUTCHER,
WM. M. BAIRD,
HUGH GILLIN,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.,
I. N. MARSELIS,
GEO. WILLIAMS.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTION

To continue the grade regulations on a portion of the Twenty-third Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Surveys be authorized and is hereby directed to continue the grade regulations of that portion of the Twenty-third Ward, contained between the Frankford and Germantown Turnpike roads, and Somerset street and Erie avenue, the cost thereof to be paid out of Item No. 20 of an appropriation made to the Department of Surveys for the year 1857.

APPENDIX No. 49.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel J. Cresswell, asking for privilege to construct a drain from his premises, on Race street, west of Eighth street, have received a report from the Board of Surveyors upon the subject, who deem it requisite that a larger culvert should be laid there than would be required for private drainage only, say a three feet circular brick culvert; therefore report an ordinance which will secure its construction, without subjecting the City to a greater expenditure than \$150.00, and ask that it may receive the sanction of these chambers.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
HUGH GILLIN,
ROBERT WARNOCK,
I. N. MARSELIS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
WM. M. BAIRD.

Dec. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

For the construction of a Culvert on Race street, in the Tenth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain. That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized, and is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a culvert on the line of Race street, westward from Eighth street to the west side of Chester street, in the Tenth Ward; said culvert to be of such form and dimensions as shall be prescribed by the Department of Surveys; and said Chief Commissioner of Highways, in conjunction with the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, shall allot said work to the lowest and best bidder, on condition that the contractor accepting the work so al-

lotted, shall receive the bills made out by the Department of Surveys against the property fronting on the line of said culvert, as authorized by Section 8th of the supplement to the Act of Consolidation, approved April 21st, 1855, as cash payment; and should the actual cost of said culvert exceed the amount of bills rendered, as above specified, the difference shall be charged to Item No. 6 of ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., for the year 1857.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the Department of Surveys to cause said bills to be made out against the property lying upon the line of said culvert within ten days after the completion and acceptance of the same, with a charge upon the front of property proportional to the cost of said culvert; said charge not to exceed 75 cents per foot lineal of front, with a deduction of one-third for corner lots, when said culvert may be laid upon the long side; *Provided*, that a culvert has not been laid upon the front proper, at the expense of the City; said bills to be certified to as correct by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

SECT. 3. The contractor or contractors shall assume the collection of said bills, and in case of refusal or neglect on the part of the property owners to pay the bills so prepared and presented, the said contractor shall be, and is hereby empowered to file a lien or liens against said property or properties, in the name of the City of Philadelphia, for the use of the said contractor or contractors, and collect the amount thus due, in manner directed by the several Acts of Assembly, providing for the collection of municipal claims; *Provided*, the City of Philadelphia shall be at no cost in the collection of the same, and that said bills and liens shall be taken by the said contractor or contractors without recourse to the City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 50.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the annexed resolution to authorize the prosecution of the surveys in the 1st and 24th Wards, are fully aware of the necessity of having these surveys continued for the preservation of a large amount of work already done, as well as to protect the City against future damages, in opening the highways; and as the items are included in the Appropriation Bill for the present year, we recommend that Councils direct their continuance.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
ALBERT B. ASHTON,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ROBT. WARNOCK,
WM. M. BAIRD,
THOS. TYSON BUTCHER.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the prosecution of Surveys in the First and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be and is hereby authorized and directed to continue the surveys in the First and Twenty-fourth Wards, as directed by the Acts of Assembly of March 29th, 1850, April 3rd, 1851, and April 18, 1853.

APPENDIX No. 51.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Claims have had under consideration the several claims referred to them, and respectfully report the following ordinance, and ask its passage.

THOMAS WILMER, *Chairman*,
WM. BRADFORD,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. HORROCKS,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
J. K. GAMBLE,
ROBERT PALETHORP,
J. K. McILWAIN.

Dec. 15. 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To pay certain claims against the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of nine thousand fifty-five dollars and eighteen cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following claims against the City, to wit:—

1. To pay James Galbreath, for work done for the late District of Northern Liberties, one hundred and seventy-three dollars and seventy-five cents.

2. To pay Wright, Hunter & Co., for Plumbing, twenty-six dollars and eighty-five cents.

3. To pay the Managers of the Poor of Germantown, for rent, forty-eight dollars.

4. To pay John G. Torrey, M. D., for medical services at Police Station of Fifth District, twenty-five dollars.

5. To pay Thomas Hope Palmer, for services rendered as Police Magistrate for the late District of Penn, four hundred and forty-seven dollars and seventy-seven cents; and to the same, for services as

Police Magistrate, four hundred and eighteen dollars and sixty cents.

6. To pay Adam H. Shoemaker, for Police services, Sixteenth Ward, one hundred and ten dollars and eighty-one cents.

7. To pay E. J. Megonegal, for making out tax duplicates and indexing the same, two hundred and eleven dollars.

8. To pay Thomas Lasage, for ringing the bells at St. Stephen's Church, on the Fourth of July, 1857, twenty dollars.

9. To pay to Thomas Greer, acting Administrator of the Estate of Joseph H. Amer, deceased, the sum of seven thousand and five hundred dollars, the same being for damages occasioned by the opening of Chesnut street to low water mark on the river Schuylkill, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways; *Provided*, That no warrant shall issue until the usual certificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions, that the damages aforesaid have been assessed by a jury, and their report been confirmed absolutely, and searches showing that the property from which the said damages shall have arisen, was free from all liens of record at the time of the confirmation of the said report by the Court of Quarter Sessions: *And provided also*, that payment of the same be made in *certificates of City Debt*, which certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an ordinance approved August 23, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph;" and the said certificates shall be a portion of those authorized to be issued by the said ordinance.

10. To pay the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works two hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty cents, for gas consumed at the County Prison, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, 1856.

SECT. 2. That warrants for items Nos. 1 and 2 shall

be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, for items Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, by the Mayor, No. 10 by the Inspectors of the County Prison, as provided by law.

APPENDIX No. 52.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC LANDINGS AND WHARVES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves report the following resolution for repairs of Pine street Wharf on the Schuylkill, and respectfully ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
JOHN COOPER,
ALFRED DAY.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Commissioner of Market Houses be, and he is hereby authorized to have Pine street wharf on the River Schuylkill repaired, at a cost not exceeding seventy-five dollars; to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves.

APPENDIX No. 53.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKET HOUSES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Market houses, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens, asking that South street may be made a stand for markets, beg leave respectfully to offer the following ordinance, and ask its adoption.

FRANCIS McMANUS, *Chairman*,
ADAM MAAG,
DAVID McCLEAN,
J. K. GAMBLE,
P. MAISON,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JOHN P. VERREE.

Dec. 17, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

Declaring South street, between Third and Eleventh streets, a stand for Market Wagons.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the north side of South street, between Third and Eleventh streets, shall be a stand for Market wagons and other vehicles of country people, bringing the produce of their farms to market for sale; the said vehicles to stand in a single row, with their sides to the curbs.

SECT. 2. That no persons but farmers shall be allowed to occupy said stand, under a penalty of five dollars, to be recovered with costs before any Alderman of the City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 54.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKET HOUSES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Market Houses, to whom was referred an ordinance from Select Council to regulate Market stands, report the same as committed, and ask its passage.

FRANCIS McMANUS, *Chairman*,
J. K. GAMBLE,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ADAM MAAG,
DAVID McCLEAN,
P. MAISON,
JOHN P. VERREE.

Dec. 17, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To Regulate Market Stands.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to occupy the foot or cartways of any street or streets in the City of Philadelphia, as a stand for selling or exposing to sale the products of farms or gardens, unless such products shall have been raised or produced on his or their own grounds, or that of persons duly authorizing him or them to sell or dispose of the same.

SEC. 2. That for every violation of this ordinance, a penalty of five dollars shall be incurred, to be sued for and collected as other fines and penalties; one half of which penalty shall be paid to the informer, and the other half into the City Treasury; *Provided*, that this ordinance shall not go into effect until the first day of January next.

APPENDIX No. 55.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RAIL ROADS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred a bill from Select Council, entitled “An Ordinance to authorize the widening of the space between the tracks on the City Railroad,” report back the same with amendments, as follows :—

Insert after the words “Broad street,” in the sixth line, the words—“And at such points west of Broad street as may be necessary to make the same conform to the space between the tracks of the said,” in lieu of the words “to conform to that of the.”

Adding also the following proviso :—

Provided, that the said alterations and repairs shall be made according to the plan and agreeably to the directions of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of Philadelphia.

JOHN M. MELLOY, *Chairman*,
W. H. DRAYTON,
RIEGO TAYLOR,
C. I. LEWIS.

Dec. 17, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 56.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Select Committee of three, to whom was referred Bill No. 21, Common Council File, entitled “An Ordinance to purchase the Germantown,

&c., Gas Works," respectfully report the same back, with sundry amendments, as follows, and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
ROBERT KELTON.

Dec. 17, 1857.

AMENDMENTS.

Amend the 4th Section, in the 11th line, by striking out "which," and insert "what."

Insert after the word "enlargement," in the 9th section, 11th line, "of the works."

Add to the end of the 4th line, section 14, "of the works."

Insert between the 4th and 5th lines, in the 19th section, the words "he shall pay all bills that he has submitted, when approved by the Board."

Strike out the letter "s," and the word after "assistant," in the 5th line, section 24.

Make "No. 1," in the 3rd line, 25th section, "No. 2." Strike out "s" and "and" after "assistant," in line 7, section 28.

APPENDIX No. 57.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Special Committee, to whom was referred "An Ordinance to provide for a temporary

Loan," report the same back with a negative recommendation—and ask the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

RICHARD PARKER, *Chairman,*

EDWARD T. MOTT,

W. H. DRAYTON,

ALGN. S. ROBERTS,

THOMAS C. STEEL,

I. N. MARSELIS,

SAM'L STEVENSON.

Dec. 17, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 58.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Law have had under consideration an ordinance to reorganize the Board of Health—which was referred to them by the Common Council.

They report the bill as committed and recommend its passage. Doubts were expressed, when this bill was under consideration, of the power of Councils to pass such an ordinance. The Committee have conferred with the City Solicitor upon this subject. He informs them that the bill was drawn by him, and entertains no doubt that Councils have the requisite power, under the Consolidation Act, to pass this bill.

It is presumed that the opinion of the Law Department of the City Government on this question is sufficient to remove those doubts of the power of Councils which were expressed in the recent debate. Yet it is proper that the Committee should say that there is in their judgment apparent upon the face of the Consolidation Act ample reason to convince them that Councils possess this power.

By the sixteenth Section of the Act, the Board of Health is continued only "until otherwise provided by law or ordinance." It is apparent from these words that its temporary existence was all that the Legislature contemplated, and inasmuch as its existence can be terminated by "law or ordinance," and by "an ordinance" as contradistinguished from "a law," it seems to be clearly implied that the Municipal Corporation which enacts "ordinances" is contemplated as possessing the power of legislating with reference to the Board of Health.

If its permanent existence was contemplated, it is not easy to understand why words were inserted which imply probable action for its repeal—and if it was intended that the Legislature alone should possess the power of repeal, it is not easy to understand why it was added that it might be repealed not merely by "a law" which the Legislature is accustomed to pass, but by "an ordinance," which is the appropriate word to describe an enactment of a Municipal Corporation.

By the fiftieth Section of the same act, however, all doubt on this question is entirely removed. It is there made the duty of Councils "to provide by ordinance for the *establishment* and regulation" of certain departments, and among these that of "Health" is expressly mentioned.

The Committee, entertaining these views, and sustained by the opinion of the City Solicitor upon this question of the power of Councils, recommend the passage of the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted by

W. O. KLINE, *Chairman*,
R. M'CAY, JR.,
THEO. CUYLER,
N. NATHANS,
THOMAS JONES, M. D.,
FERDINAND GEISLER,
E. H. FAULKNER.

Dec. 17, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 59.

REPORT OF MINORITY OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, a minority of the “Committee on Law,” to whom was referred, by Common Council, a bill, submitted by the Committee on Finance, for an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to re-organize the Board of Health,” with instructions to report as to the legality and propriety of adopting the same, respectfully report, that, by the terms of the reference, two questions are submitted to the Committee; first, the legality of Councils abolishing the present organization of the “Board of Health,”—secondly, the propriety of doing so. If the first question should be decided in the negative, then the necessity of looking to the other will be obviated; for, if the statute does not confer upon Councils that power, it would be usurpation in them to exercise it.

To ascertain its legality, the attention must be directed to the Consolidation Act.

The 16th section thereof, in its beginning, declares: “That on the first Tuesday in June, 1854, and on the first Tuesday in May, in every year thereafter, until otherwise provided by law or ordinance, the qualified voters of each of the Wards of the said City, shall elect one citizen, who shall have and possess the qualifications that the members of the Senate are required to possess, to serve as a member of the Board of Health.”

If the power sought for, can be found at all, it will be discovered in the language, “until otherwise provided by law or ordinance.” But does that language justify a construction favorable to the exercise of such power? The antecedent portion of the sentence refers exclusively to the times of holding the elections, to wit: the time when the first election after the passage of the Act should be held, and also the time when

each subsequent election shall take place. The time of holding the election for such officers is affected by that phraseology, if any subject is, but certainly none other. By no fair construction can it relate to anything else, as may be seen by referring not merely to the section first alluded to, but the entire Act; which, by all rules of construction, must be examined as a whole, and not in parts, some independently of the others.

To hold a different view, would be to assert, that the qualifications of such officers could, by Councils, be abridged or enlarged, the usual oath of office dispensed with, and the various other directions enjoined by law departed from and annulled. For such power, in Councils, who would gravely contend? But, can the language employed refer even to the time of electing the members of the Board of Health? The Act, in fixing the time of election, expands it to every municipal elective office to be filled by the people. It applies to the Mayor, Councilmen, Guardians of the Poor, members of the Board of Health, &c., alike, and by its general application, every idea is forbidden, of a change in the time of electing any one or more of them. Indeed, it can hardly be supposed, that the Legislature meant that the people should be subjected to the trouble and inconvenience of electing any of those officers at any other time than that designated by the Act itself.

It will be seen, then, that the language referred to has no application even to the time of holding that election, and its insertion in the section does not aid the construction of the Act. The phrase, so far as it applies to the "law," is utterly superfluous; for, whether it is, or is not, inserted in the Act, the Legislature still has the power to ordain any alteration it may deem necessary, at any time, without consulting Councils; and as to the word "ordinance," which follows, its use, in this connection, furnishes no assistance in the construction, for, in common speech, as well as in technical language, it means a *law* or *statute*. In England, whence our laws have come, Parliament, from

very early time, has passed ordinances, and acts of Parliament are called ordinances, and ordinances, acts; and he who is at all familiar with the political affairs of our own country, during the last few years, will remember the excitement which grew out of ordinances passed by Congress.

Indeed, the spirit, scope and other language of the act forbid all interpretations inconsistent with the people directly voting for the officers in question. Where the Legislature meant to leave to Councils the filling of any offices, that meaning is made fully to appear, and if it had wished to confer upon Councils the power of making changes in the modes of election, its intention would have been clearly expressed. In the section referred to, it can hardly be supposed that the warmest advocate of such power, being so vested, can find any language explicitly conferring it, or even any language sufficiently clear to leave his mind free from doubt on the subject. And where there is doubt, it surely should enure to the benefit and operate in favor of the people rather than their representatives. But the 51st section is also referred to to justify the employment of such authority. This section declares "That it shall be the duty of the City Councils to provide by ordinance for the establishment and regulation of all the departments indicated by this act, and other laws in force in said City, under the proper heads, and with the necessary clerks, officers and assistants, to wit: For law, police, finance, surveys, highways, health, water, gas, fire, the poor," &c. The word "establishment" here used, it is contended by some, clothes Councils with authority to abolish the Board of Health. A brief examination, however, will prove any argument looking in that way, to be deceptive. When the consolidation act was passed, some of the departments referred to in it were in actual existence, and the others had to be organized subsequently by Councils. Among the former was the Board of Health, which by *that name* was "*established*" by an act of the 29th January, 1818, and erected into a body corporate, and it so continued until the "organization" of the

Board of Health, after its members were elected, as provided by the consolidation act. And even by that act its existence was recognized, as will be seen by looking to its 16th section, which provides that "all laws of this Commonwealth *creating, governing and regulating* the Board of Health, not inconsistent herewith, shall continue in force and operation, and shall govern and regulate the Board of Health of the City of Philadelphia, except as to farmers manuring land, and keeping stock in the strictly agricultural districts, as the same may hereafter be altered by law or ordinance." It will thus be observed that there was no general repeal of the laws in reference to that Board. If there had been, there would have been imposed upon Councils the necessity of immediately enacting ordinances for its regulation; but, on the contrary, all laws *erecting, governing and regulating that Board* were kept in force until altered. The existence of the Board was thus recognized by law, and when Councils came to direct the establishment of the various departments, their authority over the Board of Health, which had been previously established and was then in existence, did not extend to changing the mode of electing its members. In that respect the Legislature had taken action, and declared that those officers should be elected by the people.

The Legislature, it is submitted, no doubt intended by its act to arrange and establish a *system* of municipal government, the various parts of which should move harmoniously together. All constructions of that act then should consist with that intent, else jarring and discord would arise, and so disturb that system. The view here presented favors that intent. If, however, it should be alleged in objection to its force, that Councils have not full control over that Board, the answer is easily furnished.

The 51st section alluded to, provides, that "through the Mayor and proper committees, the said Councils *shall maintain a supervision* of each department, whether *incorporated* or otherwise, and over the Inspectors of the County Prison, *for the exposure and correction of all evils*

and abuses, and for that purpose may require the production of, and inspect all books and papers, and the attendance of witnesses by subpoena, and examine them under oath or affirmation." Throughout the act itself, and strongly, also, in the 11th section of one of its supplements, passed April 21, 1855, the Board of Health is recognized and treated as a *Department of the City*. By means then of the appropriate Committee, the Committee "on Department of Health" (which is a standing and joint Committee of Councils, duly appointed at the commencement of the session under an ordinance directing the appointment of all the joint standing committees, approved July 3, 1854), Councils are not merely authorized, but are *directed* to maintain a supervision over *this department*, and if the Committee on Highways, or Committee on Surveys can supervise, as they freely do in practice, the respective departments of Highways or Surveys, then can the "committee on Department of Health" with equal freedom and all necessary energy, supervise the Department of Health. Where duty is so peremptorily enjoined, the power lies not in Councils, even if there were a disposition to shrink from its performance, and when that duty is so plenary and so clear, there can be no complaint of the want of authority in Councils to keep watchful eyes upon the transactions of that Board, and to exercise a control over it—not a mere nominal, but an actual and absolute control over it. Besides, the election of the members of the Board of Health by Councils, would not increase or confirm that control, which is by law made clear and full. Indeed, the supervision by committee would be the same whether the officers were elected by the people or by Councils.

It may also be alleged in objection, that the present Board of Health, by the gross, the criminal misconduct of some of its members, has forfeited the confidence of the people, and yet there is no means at hand to purge and purify it; but such an allegation is answered by the plain provisions of the law. *The act itself furnishes an ample remedy*, and one, too, consistent with justice. Its 45th section declares, "that all officers

elected by the qualified voters under this act, shall be subject to removal from office, on impeachment for *misdemeanor in office or other sufficient cause*, on charges to be preferred by the Common Council, and tried by the Select Council, in manner prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, as to the impeachment by the House of Representatives, and trial thereof by the Senate. All officers shall be subject to removal for sufficient cause, in such manner as Councils may determine." A public office is defined to be a right to exercise a public employment. Amongst such as our Courts have decided to be offices, are Inspectors of the Prison, Assessors, and Assistant Assessors, &c., whose character of employment is not superior to that of a member of the Board of Health, and perhaps not so onerous. A member of the Board of Health, from the moment of his taking, in the language of the act, "the usual oath of office," (which certainly defines his character,) is an officer within the meaning of that act, and if guilty of a misdemeanor in office, is triable by impeachment in the manner just pointed out, and can be removed from his office; in which case Councils, by a joint vote, under the statute, can fill the vacancy so created. In this way could those officers, who have outraged the law, be punished and deprived of further power to inflict injury upon the city, while no injustice to the innocent can be done, as in the language of the sub-Committee of Finance on the subject, "several of the members of the Board of Health are entirely clear of any guilty participation in these improper proceedings."

If it should be alleged that the Board of Health has the power to contract debts, and thus bind the City to their payment, it will be found, upon examination, that such assertion is without the sanction of law.

From what section of the statute, it may be inferred, that the Board of Health can contract debts above the sums appropriated, it would be a very difficult task to discover. On the contrary, by the 32d section of the act of 13th May, 1856, it is provided that "all goods,

merchandise, and other articles of any kind, and labor and service required for the City of Philadelphia, in any Department thereof, shall be purchased or contracted for *only* in such manner as shall be prescribed by ordinance, and for that purpose the Councils of said City are hereby required to direct by ordinance the manner and time of making the yearly estimates by the several Departments of said City, and of receiving sealed proposals for such supplies as aforesaid, which proposals shall be preceded by advertisement, and no contract shall be awarded to any but the lowest bidder, who shall give the requisite security therefor," and it is believed that the subjects embraced by the said section include all that could be required by that Board for its ordinary and admitted purposes; and if so, it is manifest that there is no authority in that Department, to bind the City in any sum whatever above the appropriated amounts, and if it be desirable, as it surely is, to prevent any persons, connected therewith, from receiving and disbursing any of the public moneys at the discretion of such Department, the power to do so may be found in the 30th section of the last mentioned act, which prescribes that "every head of Department, officer or agent of the City, who shall have made default in the rendering of any account or report on *the payment over of any moneys or bills*, collected for the City, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and be by Councils dismissed from his office, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by law;" and also, at the conclusion of the 16th section of the Consolidation Act, which directs that "*all sums of money due, payable to or received by the Board of Health, shall be paid into the City Treasury; and all sums expended by or for the purposes of the Board of Health, shall be paid by the City Treasurer, upon orders drawn under appropriations regularly made by Councils.*" To the last objection, the law itself is quite responsive; indeed, no terms nor language more explicit could be employed on the subject. It is objected, that the Legislature regarded the present organization of the Board of Health as merely temporary. This, however, is a mis-

taken impression. The terms of the law do not warrant it. It is a Department of the City now, as much so, as any admitted Department can be. All moneys received by it must pass into the City treasury, and out of the City treasury no moneys can be drawn for any of the purposes of that Department, only in the manner pointed out by law, which applies equally to all the municipal Departments. Besides, as has been already shown, the appropriate Committee *can supervise* that Department to the same extent and with the same freedom as any other Standing Committee can supervise its appropriate Department. In what respect, then, does this Department differ from any other? Only in the mode of electing the members composing it. But that difference does not apply to all the other Departments; for instance, the Law Department is held by the City Solicitor, who is elected directly by the people; so also is the Mayor, who is the head of the Police Department; the City Treasurer, who is connected with the Finance Department, and also the Guardians of the Poor. When so many officers of the City are elected just as the members of the Board of Health are, by the people, it can hardly be alleged that it is anomalous to have the members of that Board so elected, nor can it be asserted that those Departments whose incumbents derive authority immediately from the people, cannot be overlooked and controlled by the respective appropriate Committees as closely and efficiently as the Departments that are filled by Councils. In case of refusal to be so supervised, they are, all of them, equally liable to the penalties of the act. Their responsibility to Councils, under the law, is direct, and in case of dereliction in that regard, Councils can at once apply the remedy.

Created, as Councils have been, by statute, their powers must be defined by statute. Where authority is not expressly given, it should not be assumed. It has pleased the legislature to designate and describe the rights, privileges and powers which they meant to confer, free from ambiguity and doubt, and unless

they be explicitly set forth and defined, it is at least hazardous to infer them, especially when the inference is against the people. By the views thus presented, it will be seen that the system of government which the Legislature intended to prepare for this City, can be made to work well for the ends of its establishment, if Councils will, as they no doubt desire to do, only look carefully to the checks and balances which the existing law provides and clearly defines.

With strong convictions against the legality of the measure under consideration, it is scarcely necessary to advance any view as to the propriety of its adoption, even if its legality should be conceded, still the importance of the subject requires a full expression of sentiment in regard to it.

From what has been already stated, there is but a single difference between the Board of Health and some of the other municipal departments, and that lies in the mode of electing the incumbents. The members of the former are elected directly by the people, and the latter, (except the Chief of the Fire Department, who by ordinance is elected by another power, and the Prison Inspectors, who are appointed by the Courts,) by Councils in joint convention. So far as the present Board of Health is concerned, some of its members have become grossly derelict in official duty and common honesty, and yet for *their* misdemeanors, it is contended that not only the perpetrators themselves, but the *people*, should be punished. For those persons who have accepted official trusts, and then abused them, with criminal intent, there can be and should be felt the keenest indignation, which should consign them to the severest penalties of the criminal law, and at the same time strip them of power to perpetrate further wrong, but for the people who have, unfortunately for themselves, elected for those posts unworthy agents, there should be the liveliest sympathy on the part of their agents for other purposes, but certainly no desire to inflict punishment on them, and the sentiments of the people on the subject of their rights are not understood, if they would allow

any interference with them to pass unrebuked. Still, if the right to elect the members of that Board be torn from those who now possess it, and taken by Councils, would the condition of that department be thereby improved? For that, what guarantee or assurance have we? Is there more discernment or discrimination as to men among councilmen, than those who elect them? Councils may elect unworthy public servants as well as the people, and yet if they should happen to do so how stern and loud would be the voice of indignation that would be raised against the legislature in case that body should interpose, snatch the power of appointment or election from Councils and confer it on others! The people may be deceived sometimes in the selection of their public servants, but they are sure to right themselves at the earliest opportunity. They, after all, are the real party in interest and to them should be continued the right of choosing the persons to serve them. It may be that the legislature in keeping out of the act, language authorizing Councils to elect those officers, really meant that the people, in this respect, should be undisturbed in the exercise of the elective franchise. Such surely would be a fair and easily drawn inference. At this late day after so much power has returned to the people who now by direct vote, fill the executive, judicial and legislative departments of the government, it certainly does not lie in the mouth of any citizen to doubt their competency to elect members of the Board of Health, and as their right to elect their officers is believed to be a fundamental one, it becomes our duty plainly to assert instead of crippling or abridging it.

With these views against the legality and propriety of adopting the bill for an ordinance providing for an entire change in the organization of the Board of Health, the undersigned submit the following resolution.

HORN R. KNEASS, *Chairman*,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. R. BLACK,
SAM'L C. PERKINS.

Dec. 17, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That there is no power in Councils to pass the bill for an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to reorganize the Board of Health." And even if there were such power, it would be inexpedient to pass it.

APPENDIX No. 60.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report for the consideration of Councils, the ordinance making appropriations to the following departments, viz. : of Surveys ; of the Inspectors of the County Prison ; for supplying the City with water ; of Highways ; of City Property ; of the Superintendent of Trusts ; of the Receiver of Taxes ; of Police ; of Market Houses, &c. ; of City Commissioners ; also, to the Fire Department, and to the Board of Guardians of the Poor ; and that they have made an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts out of certain Trust funds for the purposes therein mentioned. All of which are respectfully submitted for approval.

The Committee take this occasion to say that these bills comprise, with those submitted at the last stated meeting, all the appropriation bills for the year 1858. Their duty is discharged in relation to them. Should the tax duplicates not be ready in ample time for the convenience of the community, the responsibility will not rest upon them.

Your Committee ask that Councils will without delay proceed to the consideration of the bills which they have reported.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
I. N. MARSELIS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ALFRED DAY,
EDW. S. HANDY,
JOHN F. MASCHER.

Dec. 17, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 61.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY COMMISSIONERS.

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, }
PHILADELPHIA, December 24, 1857. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—We have had the Assessors' books for 1856 and 1857, compared with the tax duplicates of 1857, and had the same corrected under the supervision of Mr. Curtis, and we are gratified in being able to say that we believe he has faithfully discharged the trust reposed in him; we employed persons to make the comparisons under his direction, and we know that he has had much anxiety and perplexity in the desire to have this work properly done.

It was found in a number of instances, that the persons entrusted to make the tax duplicates from the Assessors' books, had omitted property to a large amount, while in some instances, the Assessors had failed, after making an assessment of property, to insert it from their Blotter into the books returned to

this office, and thereby a number of properties were omitted ; these could only be detected by a careful examination, and comparing with the Assessors' books of 1856, 1857 and 1858, and even then the Assessors were frequently called in to give an explanation.

The following will show the amount inserted in the duplicates of 1857, a large portion of which must have been lost to the City, but for this investigation, viz. :

Wards.	City.	State.
1st	\$37,450	\$37,450
2d	2,525	2,525
3d	3,150	3,150
5th	3,500	46,350
6th	42,900	74,900
7th	28,075	28,075
8th	40,650	60,020
9th	1,850	1,850
10th	40,445	40,445
11th	1,000	1,000
13th	5,150	5,150
14th	2,650	2,650
15th	38,215	38,215
16th	8,500	8,500
17th	10,750	10,750
18th	3,320	3,320
19th	95,725	95,725
20th	32,650	32,650
21st	21,825	21,825
22d	31,190	31,190
23d	12,865	12,865
24th	6,610	6,610

It will thus be perceived, that the State will gain by this examination, over \$1,700, and the City will gain near \$9,000.

This examination, we believe, has been as thorough as could be under the circumstances, for it will be recollected, that the Receiver of Taxes required the duplicates constantly from nine until three o'clock each day ; consequently much of it had to be done

after three o'clock, when the books could be had from that officer; but we are not satisfied that all the property, which should be taxed for City and State purposes, is yet in the duplicates; indeed, we are daily called upon to enter in the duplicates, some properties omitted by the assessors; and while we believe that these errors do not occur intentionally on their part, yet we find them.

We shall have the duplicates of 1858 examined, and the errors discovered for 1857 placed therein, thereby making this branch of our labors as perfect as possible.

Desiring earnestly to co-operate with you in all things, which will have a tendency to reduce the taxes of our citizens, or to equalize them, so that one person may not be required to pay more than another,

We are respectfully yours,

J. M. LEDDY,
JAMES LOGAN,
City Commissioners.

APPENDIX No. 62.

COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONER OF CITY PROPERTY.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY, }
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24, 1857. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with a resolution adopted by your chamber at its last stated meeting, requiring me to inform Common Council of the “kind of timber used in the repairs of the bridge over the Schuylkill river at Callowhill street; the cost per thousand feet of said timber; the price paid for work-

men per day; and the net cost of repairs made to same; a debit and credit account be shown in the report," I respectfully submit the accompanying statement, which shows in detail the information asked for, from which it will be seen the kind of timber used in the repairs to the bridge is spruce-pine, for the lower floor, three inches thick, and twelve inches wide, and in length from twelve to twenty-four feet. For the upper flooring white oak two inches thick and eighteen feet long. The spruce pine costs \$18.00 per thousand feet, and the white oak \$30.00 per thousand. The superintendent of the work was paid \$2.00 per day, the carpenters \$1.50, the laborers \$1.25, and the principal painter \$1.75 per day. The whole cost of the repairs made under the last resolution of Councils authorizing the work to be done amounts in the aggregate to the sum of \$1387.48. In having those repairs to the wire bridge properly done, that were deemed necessary, I only sought to perform what I judged to be my duty and what the Councils had directed me to have done. The timber which I purchased was the best and the cheapest that I could get. I sought to get the southern oak, but could not. It would have cost, I was informed by Charles Brown, Esq., at least \$35.00 per thousand feet. The required quantity, however, could not be got at any price, so far as I was able to learn. I therefore got the best white oak at the lowest price I could in this city. The spruce-pine I was led to believe, was better than white pine, which would have to be cut for the purpose; while I was able to get it well seasoned at a cost of three dollars less per thousand feet.

The entire work has been completed as speedily as possible, and I am assured it has been well and cheaply performed.

Respectfully,

EUGENE AIERN,

Commissioner of City Property.

STATEMENT.

DATE.	WAR.	NAME.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.			AMT.	TOTAL
Nov. 28,	1147	Jas. Kelly, Carp.,	For 3½ days' work, at	\$1.50	5.25		
28,	1148	Ber'd Slavin, do	3 do do	do	5.25		
28,	1149	Chas. Wood, do	3 do do	do	4.50		
28,	1150	B. Trainer, do	3 do do	do	4.50		
28,	1151	Jno. Schell, do	3 do do	do	4.50		
28,	1152	Thos. Smith, do	3 do do	do	4.50		
28,	1153	Wm Stinsman do	3 do do	do	4.50		
28,	1154	Wm. Burns, do	3 do do	do	4.50		
28,	1155	Edw. Hazell, do	3 do do	do	4.50		
28,	1156	Jno. Lyons, Lab'r,	3½ do	\$1.25	4.37		
28,	1157	F McArdell, do	3½ do	do	4.37		
28,	1158	Wm. Rine, do	2 do	do	2.50	53.24	
Dec. 5,	1216	Jas. Kelly, Carp.,	7½ do	\$1.50	11.25		
5,	1217	B. Slavin, do	2½ do	do	3.75		
5,	1218	C. Wood, do	5½ do	do	8.25		
5,	1219	H. Wood, do	5 do	do	7.50		
5,	1220	B. Trainer, do	5½ do	do	8.25		
5,	1221	Jno. Schell, do	6 do	do	9.00		
5,	1222	Wm. Denison, do	6 do	do	9.00		
5,	1223	Edw. Hazell, do	4 do	do	6.00		
5,	1224	Wm. Burns, do	5 do	do	7.50		
5,	1225	A. Mullen, do	3 do	do	4.50		
5,	1226	D. Dougherty, do	1 do	do	1.50		
5,	1227	Wm. Rine, Lab'r,	5 do	\$1.25	6.25		
5,	1228	Thos. Smith, do	6 do	do	7.50		
5,	1229	Jno. Lyons, do	5 do	do	6.25		
5,	1230	Jas. Sullivan, do	4½ do	do	5.62		
5,	1231	F. McArdell, do	5 do	do	6.25		
5,	1232	P. McCloskey, do	5 do	do	6.25		
5,	1233	Owen Murray, do	3 do	do	3.75		
5,	1234	Jno. Regan, do	3 do	do	3.75		
5,	1235	Wm. Francis, do	2½ do	do	3.12		
5,	1236	P. McCloskey, do	5 do	do	6.25		
5,	1237	W Stinsman, Carp,	4 do	\$1.50	6.00		
5,	1238	Geo Thompson, do	5 do	do	7.50	144.99	
12,	1252	Jas. Kelly, Carp.,	4½ do	do	6.75		
12,	1253	B. Slavin, do	1½ do	do	2.25		
12,	1254	C. Wood, do	4½ do	do	6.75		
12,	1255	H. H. Wood, do	4½ do	do	6.75		
12,	1256	B. Trainer, do	4½ do	do	6.75		
12,	1257	Jno. Schell, do	5½ do	do	8.25		
12,	1258	Wm. Stinsman, do	4½ do	do	6.75		
12,	1259	Wm. Rine, Lab'r	4½ do	\$1.25	5.62		
12,	1260	D. Denison, Carp.,	4½ do	\$1.50	6.75		
12,	1261	Edw. Hazell, do	4½ do	do	6.75		
12,	1262	Thos. Smith, Lab'r	5½ do	\$1.25	6.87	70.24	
12,	1263	Wm. Burns, Carp.,	4½ do	\$1.50	6.75		
12,	1264	Geo Thompson, do	4 do	do	6.00		
12,	1265	A Mullen, do	5½ do	do	8.25		
12,	1266	John Lyons, Lab'r	5½ do	\$1.25	6.87		

STATEMENT.—CONTINUED.

DATE.	WAR.	NAME.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	AMT.	TOTAL
Dec. 12,	1263	F. McCardell, Lab'r,	For 1 days' work, at	\$1.25	1.25
12,	1268	P. McCloskey, do	5½ do do	do	6.87
12,	1269	Owen Murray, do	5½ do do	do	6.87
12,	1270	Jno. Regan, do	5½ do do	do	6.87
12,	1271	Wm. French, do	5½ do do	do	6.87
12,	1272	Jas. Sullivan, do	5½ do do	do	6.87
12,	1290	Jas. Kelly, Carp.,	3½ do	\$1.50	5.25
12,	1291	Wm. Stineman, do	3½ do	do	5.25
12,	1292	P. McCloskey, Lab'r,	2½ do	\$1.25	3.12
12,	1293	Thos. Smith, do	2½ do	do	3.12
12,	1294	Geo. Thompson, Carp.,	2½ do	\$1.50	3.75
24,	1312	Jno. McFaull, do	36 do	\$2.00	72.00
16,	1282	P. A. Fagen, for 6 whitewash brushes			
		and two buckets,		6.40	
16,	1281	Jno. McFaull, for 5 whisky bbls. for			
		holding tar,		5.00	
18,	1289	do do for 5 crowbars, 70 lbs.,			
		at 8c.,		5.60	
21,	1295	Phila. Gas Co., for 5 bbls. of tar, and			
		delivering,		6.00	23.00
16,	1283	Collins & Robb, for lumber and carting,			384.22
18,	1288	Geo. Stockham, do do			386.58
14,	1275	Jno. Haldeman, for 17 kegs of spikes,			
		at \$3.60,			61.20
9,	1249	G. H. Ashton, for a bill of paints and			
		oils,			88.80
8,	1248	G. W. Shade, for 11 days' work paint-			
		ing, at \$1.75,			19.25
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					\$1,387.48

WIRE BRIDGE.

	Dr.	Cr.
1857.		
March 26. By appropriation,		\$1500 00
To expenses authorized,	\$77 68	
Nov. 2. To amount expended in		
repairing as per the		
accompanying acc't,	1387 48	
To balance remaining,	34 84	
	<hr/>	\$1500 00

RECAPITULATION.

Total cost of carpenter work,	\$225 00	
“ “ laboring “	127 43	
“ “ superintending,	72 00	
Total cost of labor,		\$424 43

Messrs. Collins & Robb, for		
19,332 ft. of spruce joist, at \$18,	347 97	
314 “ com. bds., at \$17.50,	5 50	
117 “ step bds., at 50c.,	5 85	
720 “ extra spruce joist, at \$20,	14 40	
Carting said lumber to the bridge,	10 50	
Total amount of their bill,		384 22

George Stockham, for		
14,197 ft. of oak timber,		
1,311 “ returned, not merch’able,		

12,886 “ oak, at \$30,		386 58

Sundry Bills.

P. A. Fagen, for six whitewash brushes and two buckets,	6 40	
Jno. McFaull, for five whisky bbls. for holding tar,	5 00	
Jno. McFaull, for five crow bars, 70 lbs., at 8c.,	5 60	
Philad’a Gas Company, for five lbs. of tar, and delivering,	6 00	23 00
Jno. Haldeman, for 17 kegs of spikes, at \$3.60,		61 20

Painting.

G. H. Ashton, for		
500 lbs. brown fire-proof paint, at \$8,	40 00	
42 galls. of linseed oil, at 90c.,	37 80	
3 “ “ japan, at \$2,	6 00	
2 seven inch calsamine brushes, at \$2.50,	5 00	88 80

Geo. W. Shade, for eleven days' painting, at \$1.75,	19 25
Total cost,	<u>\$1387 48</u>

APPENDIX No. 63.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report the bill making an appropriation to the Department of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the year 1858, and ask that it be passed.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN.
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
I. N. MARSELIS.
ALFRED DAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JOHN F. MASCHER.

Dec. 24, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 64.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report the annexed ordinance for the payment of several claims against the City, and ask that it may be passed.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
I. N. MARSELIS,
ALFRED DAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JOHN F. MASCHER.

Dec. 24, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay claims of Wm. B. Mann and others, against the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that the sum of five thousand three hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-two cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the following purposes.

1. To William B. Mann, District Attorney, for balance due for bills and fees of August Term, 1857, and

for bills and fees of October Term, 1857, sixteen hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

2. To George M. Howell, late Clerk of Quarter Sessions, for balance due for bills and fees for August Term, 1857, and for bills and fees of October Term, and on miscellaneous account, nineteen hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-five cents.

3. To George Megee, Sheriff, for bills and fees for balance of June Term, 1857, and for August and October Terms, 1857, sixteen hundred and ninety-three dollars and twelve cents.

4. To Henry St. John O'Neill for services rendered in indexing Assessors book, Nineteenth Ward, for 1857, eighty-nine dollars and forty-five cents.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn as follows: for items 1, 2 and 3, by the City Solicitor, and for item 4, by the City Commissioner.

APPENDIX No. 65.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully recommend, that in view of the large amount of

taxes remaining unpaid, and the probability of the duplicate tax books being ready at a very early day, for the payment of the taxes of 1858 by our citizens, that the time during which the Receiver of Taxes is authorized to employ eight temporary Receiving clerks, be continued to April 1, A. D. 1858, and submit the following resolution.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
A. J. HOLMAN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ALFRED DAY.

Dec. 31, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the eight temporary clerks now employed in the office of the Receiver of Taxes, be, and the same are hereby continued until the 1st day of April, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 66.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that during the years 1855 and 1856, the Extra Assessments were published in several papers under contracts entered into with the City Commissioners, in accordance with a prevailing practice. In scanning the items of the appropriation bills for the last year, the then Finance Committee had their attention directed to the fact that there was no requirement of law for this publication, and under the advice of the Solicitor, payment of the bills for this printing was refused, as there had been no appropriation made for this purpose.

Suit has been brought on some of these bills and a verdict had against the City for the full amount claimed, and the case is now about being decided, upon the mere question of law reserved by the Court. Your Committee have with the assent of the Solicitor, made a compromise with the printers of these Extra Assessments, subject to your approval, under which they have consented to deduct twenty-five per cent. from their original bills. An ordinance to carry out this compromise is hereto annexed.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
A. J. HOLMAN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ALFRED DAY.

Dec. 31, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of certain bills for the printing of Extra Assessments.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty-two dollars and forty-five cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the following amounts for the printing of the Extra Assessments for the years 1856 and 1857, viz :

To Jasper Harding & Son, nine hundred and eight dollars.

To William Rice, five hundred and eleven dollars and twenty-five cents.

To Alexander Cummings, fourteen hundred and nineteen dollars and twenty cents.

To Joshua S. Fletcher, five hundred and six dollars.

To J. K. Flanigan, nine hundred and eight dollars.

Being twenty per cent. less than the amounts of the several bills rendered by them, and this appropriation is made for the adjustment and compromise of the same, with the express reservation of all the rights of the City in the premises if the sums herein specified should not be accepted by the parties.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said several sums shall be drawn by the
in the forms prescribed by existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 67.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five be appointed to inquire :

1. Whether any gas is furnished the Trustees of the City Gas Works, and if so, what is paid to the Trustees for the same, and the amount paid by the City for such gas to the Trustees.
2. To inquire whether any money has been expended by the said Trustees for refreshments, since the month of July, 1854.
3. To inquire into the general management of the affairs of the Gas Works by said Trustees, their officers and agents.

Said Committee to have power to send for persons and papers, respectfully report, That in answer to the first matter of inquiry contained in the above resolution, your Committee give the following statement furnished from the office of the City Gas Works, and containing all the information required relative thereto.

Rates paid and received for gas furnished by the companies of the outside districts :

We sell to Southwark, for \$2.25, less disc't 25 p. c., \$1.68 $\frac{3}{4}$ p. 1,000 feet.
 " buy from do. for 2.45 " "

What we sell again to the City for public lamps, \$1.00 per 1,000 feet.

We sell to Germantown, for \$2.25.			
Less discount,	25	per cent.,	\$1 68 $\frac{3}{4}$ per 1,000 feet.
We buy from do.,	3.00		
Less discount,	05	"	2.85 " "
What we sell again to the City for public lamps,	1.00	"	"
We buy from the N. Liberties, for Frankford,	2.00	"	"
" sell " " " Citizens,	2.50,	five p. c.,	2.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
" buy " " " P. Lamps,	"	"	1.75
" sell " " " "	"	"	1.00
" buy " Richmond, " "	"	"	2.75
" sell " " " "	"	"	1.00
" buy " Kensington, " "	"	"	2.50
" sell " " " "	"	"	1.00
" buy " Manayunk, at	3.50.		
" " Less discount,	"	"	3.32
What we sell to the City for P. Lamps,	1.00		

To the second inquiry we also report affirmatively : That the trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works have, since the year 1854, expended money for refreshments, though to a limited extent, a few hundred dollars per year. Such an expenditure of public money, no matter how trifling in amount, your Committee most unqualifiedly condemn. Its tendency is to extraxagance and improper use of Trust funds. These trustees have agreed, from a public spirit, we presume, to serve their fellow citizens in this trust gratuitously, and they should, to the fullest extent, do so. It is not an argument in favor of such practices, that they receive no compensation for their services; they assumed the duties voluntarily, knowing there was no reward, save the consciousness of having faithfully discharged the trust confided to them.

If they are entitled to compensation, a few cigars, a glass of liquor now and then, or an occasional dinner, we think but slender pay. These practices, however, have age, if not propriety, on their side. It is to be hoped that they have had their day, as they are now in direct violation of the statute law of the State, and will be heard of no more. The remedy, however, is in the hands of Councils. Let them elect men to this trust who have no appetite for banquets purchased with money paid by the citizens for other purposes.

The third and last inquiry is general and indefinite in its character. It would have lightened the burden imposed on the Committee if these inquiries had have been directed to particular matters of complaint. Two items of mismanagement and extravagance were suggested by the witnesses examined before the Committee, 1st. That in the erection of the new Gas Works at Point Breeze, there had been mismanagement and extravagance; and 2nd. That the Trustees employed at the Spring Garden Works more hands than are necessary. Extravagance in the erection of the new Works was inferred by the witnesses from the fact that their actual cost was more than the estimated cost. But in reply to direct inquiries as to personal and actual knowledge of wasteful or improper expenditures, no specific matter was pointed out. That public works should cost more than was estimated, so far from being unusual, it would be rather extraordinary if they did not. Upon this evidence the Trustees were called upon to prove a negative to wit: that these Works did not cost more than they should have done without any sustained affirmative allegations to the contrary. This their Engineer, John C. Cresson, Esq., very cheerfully undertook to do, and throughout the whole investigation showed the utmost willingness to lay everything connected with the management of these Works open to the Committee. This statement furnished the Committee, and reported herewith, (see paper marked A,) compares the cost of the City Works with those of the Northern Liberties, taking the amount of gas manufactured as the basis of the calculation, and showing that the City Works which are worth $11\frac{1}{2}$ times as much as the Northern Liberties, cost about $9\frac{1}{2}$ times as much as the Northern Liberties. As the Northern Liberties Company is a private corporation, and confessedly well managed, this comparison is perhaps the best answer that could be given to a general and indefinite charge of an extravagant cost of erection.

Mr. Cresson also communicated to the Committee the fact that the estimate of \$ 300,000 for the costs of

new works was made with the reference to a less expensive site than was afterwards fixed upon, and for works of much smaller dimensions than have since been erected (see paper marked B). It was in evidence before your Committee that more hands are now employed at the Spring Garden Works, than previous to Consolidation. For the purpose of having this explained your Committee subpoenaed John Wiegand, Esq., late the Cashier of the City Works. The trustees of the City Works took possession of the Spring Garden Works on the 2d of April, 1857. The only pay roll of these works which came into the hands of the trustees was that of the previous month of March. From the statement furnished (see paper annexed, marked C) it appears that in the month of March the cost of making 5,295,000 feet of gas at these works was \$2,318.25, while the cost of making 9,544,000 feet at the same works in March, 1857, was \$2,052.92. The further facts contained in these statements formed an answer which satisfied your Committee with reference to the allegation of extravagance in this matter. These statements have been taken from the books of the trustees which were all accessible to your Committee. It may be that the financial affairs of these works are not managed with that strict and close economy which would characterize the transactions of a shrewd money-making business man. But your Committee have failed to discover one fact bearing upon it the slightest impress of fraud, corruption or dishonest use of trust funds; If their attention had been directed to distinct and particular subjects of fraud or erroneous management, they could have concentrated their attention and examination upon them, but the scope of the inquiry was as wide as the vast financial concerns of these trustees and extended back to the commencement of their operations. Such a task is too herculean for any Committee to attempt. Your Committee subpoenaed to appear before them, all whom they presumed knew anything of the management of these works, and who would be likely to point out wrongs and errors, if any existed. But nearly all the testimony was inferential,

deduced from the reports of the engineer and cashier of these works.

It was not positive, direct and from actual knowledge, and was not such as would be received in a court of law. But every matter of complaint which was pointed out, even in this way, your Committee pursued until satisfied that it was without just foundation. The impression of the witnesses seemed to be that the new works were constructed upon a style too magnificent and extended—that smaller and more unpretending works would have answered every practical purpose. This may to a certain extent be true—but there is a question whether works such as these, which are thought not to be equalled in the world, in some respects, will not admit of some embellishment.

Such inquiries, however, are of no practical moment. The Works have been erected, and if at a useless cost, the Councils of Philadelphia may lay the sin at their own doors, for it was they who elected the Trustees who directed it. And in the future it is for them to see that honest and capable men are selected. If there be any wrong in this Department, it cannot be thrown upon the people, as has been the mismanagement of another Department of the City. It is vain to suppose that laws or investigating committees, will insure the correct and honest management of any Department of the City government; it can only be done by putting them in charge of honest and capable men. Let Councils hereafter look to it; though your Committee have had no evidence before them, which would lead them to question the integrity or capability of the present Board.

As your Committee were appointed with especial reference to a bill now before you, to make a loan for the purpose of purchasing all the gas works of the consolidated City, they beg leave to make the following suggestions with reference thereto.

With regard to extending the works for the purpose of introducing gas in localities which are now without it, the investigations of the Committee have led them to the following conclusions: That before this can be

done, we must either, 1st, authorize a loan, or 2d, raise the price of gas, or 3d, require owners of property desiring gas to pay the cost of the main, service pipe, and meter. The present rate of \$2.25 per 1000 feet, is only sufficient to pay current expenses, which includes the cost of manufacture, repairs, interest and appropriations to the sinking fund, but will not create a fund to extend the works.

The introduction of gas into property, may be considered as a permanent improvement, enhancing its value, and like water-pipe, culverts, and paving, it would seem but just, that it should be paid for by the property it improves. The tendency of the municipality is to impose upon each man's property, the burden of the expense, which benefits his property.

It is not a mere conjecture, but it is an ascertained fact, that at \$2.25 per 1000 feet, gas cannot be farther introduced. (See the statement of Mr. Wiegand, annexed, marked "D.") It is evident from the fact that Trustees will not introduce gas, unless all the cost of the introduction is advanced. Mr. Wiegand states that it is not intended that the present price shall create a sufficient contingent fund to extend the works, but that this outlay is chargeable to capital. This statement very naturally raised the inquiry, in case another loan is made: How do you expect to meet the appropriations to the Sinking Fund? For if this price will not create a contingent fund to extend the works, how will it create a sinking fund to pay the loan made for that purpose? And your Committee were thus answered: That the Trustees will not introduce gas into any locality where the amount consumed will not pay for the cost of its manufacture, and the interest on the capital invested, and the requisite appropriation to the Sinking Fund to pay this investment in thirty years. This they can ascertain by calculation. It will thus be seen that the consolidation of these works, will not produce that equality of right and privilege that the advocates of this measure so urgently contended for. There will be as much complaint then as now. This shows the utter impracticability of the doctrine that every citizen of the Consolidated City is

entitled to gas if he wants it, and if the gas works are to be managed on the principle of entire equality, this must be done.

The citizens of Holmesburg, Bustleton, and Smithfield, are as much entitled to have gas taken to their houses at \$2.25 per 1000 feet, as the citizens of Germantown, if we abandon the principle that the works must pay their own costs. The Gas Department is not supported by taxation, but by its own earnings; but this doctrine that all are entitled to gas at equal prices, would make it a burden upon the people, to be supported either by direct taxation, or by a much higher price of gas. To make it the subject of direct taxation, would be the cause of a well-grounded complaint from the agricultural districts, who would thus be compelled to pay for that which others enjoy. These works must be so managed that they never shall become a direct burden upon the City; but the earnings must manufacture the gas, and eventually pay for the works. It will therefore be seen that the rate of \$2.25 will extend the works only in thickly populated portions of the city, and that the great advantages expected from the purchase of the other works are but imaginary.

Your Committee are unable to perceive any good reason for purchasing the works of the Northern Liberties, Kensington, Richmond and Manayunk companies. The Northern Liberties and Manayunk companies manufacture gas while the other two are supplied by the Northern Liberties company. The consumers, who are supplied by the Northern Liberties company, (which is at \$2.50 per 1000 ft.) are supplied as cheaply as the City could do it, if the expense of the introduction of gas was paid for by the trustees of the City works, as is done by the Northern Liberties company. Mr. Wiegand admits, in his statement annexed, that if the trustees of the City works pay for the extensions, the price will have to be raised to \$2.50. These consumers would not, therefore, be the gainers by a consolidation of the works. But why cannot the Northern Liberties company sell as cheaply as the City De-

partment can? Their works are controlled by those who have a direct pecuniary interest in their judicious and economical management; and the matter of economy is always in favor of a private company, with one head, as against a huge municipal Department with many heads. Their works are miles nearer the consumers than would be the City works; no long and large mains are to be laid, less gas is lost by the condensation, which so long a journey would produce, and a ton of coal will make as much gas in one place as another.

These works, for a length of time after they were erected, did not pay six per cent. on the capital invested. They have since paid something more. What they will pay at the present reduced price of gas, your Committee do not know. It is presumed that the price fixed upon to be given for these works, is just to the stockholders of these works as well as reasonable to the City, and that allowance is made for the fact, that, for a length of time, these works did not earn legal interest upon the cost. Anything less than this would be most unjust; for, without doubt, it was the most public spirited of the citizens of this district that started the enterprize, and risked their money in it.

Such being the price fixed upon, and their being no doubt but that this company can manufacture gas as cheaply as the City works, we are irresistibly forced to the conclusion, that the City works cannot supply these districts either from their own works or the works of this company at \$2.25 per 1000 feet, and pay the purchase money in 1882, as they propose to do in the bill before you. The price would have to be kept where it is now, and the consumers, in no particular, benefited by the change. The Northern Liberties works cost \$300.000. The bill proposes to give them \$360.000, which is \$60.000 more than their actual capital as authorized by their charter. In 1865, the City has the right to purchase these works at the actual capital authorized to be invested, viz. \$300.000. The City has always the power to compel these works to do justice to their consumers, by laying mains

alongside of theirs, and supplying the citizens at proper prices.

The above remarks do not apply to the proposition to purchase the works of the Southwark and Moyamensing and Germantown Companies. They are now supplied from the City works—having mains to connect them therewith. There will therefore be no additional capital required beyond the cost of the works. Your Committee can perceive no good reason why the citizens of these districts should pay a high price to these Companies, for retailing out the gas which is purchased from the City works at a much lower rate. The place for the practise of economy in the manufacture and distribution of gas is chiefly at the works; therefore the purchase of these works would make no change in that matter.

For the purpose of purchasing these works your Committee recommend the issuing of bonds by the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas works for the purchase money, to be secured by a mortgage of the works proposed to be purchased. We think this method practicable, and to be preferred to the creation of a new City loan. It shifts the responsibility of payment from the city to the Trustees of the Gas Works, where it properly belongs. Until all the works held by these trustees are paid for, it should be the policy of the city, to assume as little responsibility as possible with reference to them. What should be done with the Manayunk works, is a question not easy of satisfactory answer. To connect these works with those of the city, a long and expensive main will be required, which causes your Committee to believe that gas cannot be furnished to the Manayunk consumers from the City works nor manufactured at the Manayunk works by the city trustees at the present price and create a fund to sink the capital invested. To purchase these works then would be to burden the other consumers as said works would not pay for themselves. Your Committee, however, make no strenuous objection to this purchase, but in accordance with the principles they have laid down in this report,

they are compelled to report adversely to the proposition. They leave the matter with Councils.

Your Committee are convinced that they have utterly failed to recommend anything that will be satisfactory to all parts of our City. The incongruity of consolidation, joining city, borough, village, and farm, in one giant city, will ever render it impossible to legislate with equality and justice to all. The major part of municipal laws can never suit alike the city and the agricultural district—one will be burdened to benefit the other—and there will be fault-finding and dissatisfaction. This difficulty stared us in the face at every step we took, for, in accordance with the principle upon which the bill for the purchase of these various gas works is supposed to rest, the most remote farmer of our Consolidated City is as much entitled to have his farm house illuminated by gas, as the inhabitant of the brick mansion of the City.

We must take things, however, as they are, and so far as in our power, deal justly with all. This your Committee have endeavored to do.

Your Committee herewith report an ordinance.

HENRY T. KING, *Chairman*,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
OSCAR THOMPSON.

NOTE.—Your Committee propounded to the Trustees a variety of inquiries, touching the management and financial condition of the works, which were very extended and comprehensive in their character; and would require (as we were informed) voluminous answers. The Trustees promptly commenced the work of responding to them, but as yet, have not been able to complete them. Your Committee delayed presenting this report, hoping to accompany it with these answers. But the time given us by Councils, in which to report, having elapsed, we are compelled to do so, without the information those communications would undoubtedly furnish. As soon, however, as they are received, they will be presented to Councils.

HENRY T. KING.

December 31, 1857.

A.

Inventory of Property of the Philadelphia Gas Works, December 31st, 1854, as stated in the annual report to Councils, with costs of same, showing the cost of works erected by the Trust, separate from any of those brought in under consolidation, exclusive of Real Estate and Public Lamps.

2 Gas Factories capable of making 1.750.000 ft. per day,	}	\$841.966.39
12 Gas Holders containing 2.540.000 ft.		

Street Mains.	Size.		
114.867 Feet	2 Inch	460.4	Tons
426 "	1½ "		
240.142 "	3 "	1.801	"
154.672 "	4 "	1.574.5	"
39.217 "	6 "	653.6	"
26.865 "	8 "	591	"
14.324 "	10 "	393.9	"
13.500 "	12 "	450	"
11.133 "	16 "	528.8	"
14.619 "	20 "	974.6	"

629.765 Feet	7.427.8 Tons	
119¼ miles cost, laid,		542.426.36

Meters	Size	Aggregate Lights
7.023	3 Light	21.069 "
4.011	5 "	20.055 "
2.139	10 "	21.390 "
570	20 "	11.400 "
144	30 "	4.320 "
67	45 "	3.015 "
22	60 "	1.320 "
36	100 "	3.600 "
1	150 "	150 "

14.013 Av. 6½ Light	86.319 Lt.	Cost 178.701.81
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Services 14.013; average 16 feet, 224.208 feet,	
7-8 inch, equal to 196.182 feet of 1 inch, cost	108.277.66

	\$ 1.671.372.22
Adding Public Lamps	11.814.02
	<hr/> \$ 1.683.186.24

A collation of these inventories shows the following to be the relative amount of property belonging to the two establishments, and gives the ratio of their respective value, exclusive of Real Estate and Public Lamps.

	City.	N. Liberties.	Ratio.
Capacity of Works	1.800.000 feet	300.000 feet	6 to 1
“ Gas holders.	2.550.000 “	340.000 “	7½ “ 1
St. Mains	119¼ miles	15½ miles	7⅞ “ 1
Weight of same	7.427.8 tons	742 tons	10 “ 1
Meters	14.013	2.886	5 “ 1
Aggr’t lights of same	86.319	10.111	8½ “ 1
Service pipe	14.013	2.427	5¾ “ 1
Lg’t’h reduced to 1 in.	196.182	49.144	4 “ 1

Entire ratio 6¾ to 1 or 54½ to 8

Cost of the above which includes the first section of new works in First Ward, being just put in operation is :

City.	N. Liberties.
\$ 1.671,372.22	\$ 275,168.06, about 6 1-10

Showing that the City works with 6¾ times the amount of property, have cost but 6, 1-10 times the amount of money.

Adding to the above the cost of Real Estate and Public Lamps for the City, \$ 54,771.71, and of Real Estate for the Northern Liberties G. W., \$ 29,656.28, will give entire cost for City as per 20th annual report, \$ 1,726,143.93.

And for N. L. G. W. as per their report to

Councils,	\$ 304, 824,33
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Inventory of property of the Philadelphia Gas Works,
Dec. 31st, 1856, as exhibited in their annual report
to Councils, with the cost of the same.

Real estate, six plots, containing 72 acres, cost	\$42,957 69
Three Gas factories, capable of making 2,700,000 cub. ft. per day, with 15 gas holders, con- taining 3,450,000 cub. ft., cost,	1,290,819 79

<i>Street Mains:</i>	<i>Weight.</i>
120,094 } ft. of 2 in., {	480.5 tons,
426 } " " 1½ " {	
463,041 " " 3 " {	3,472.8 "
344,557 " " 4 " {	3,445.5 "
82,881 " " 6 " {	1,381.3 "
47,696 " " 8 " {	1,049.3 "
17,480 " " 10 " {	480.7 "
21,776 " " 12 " {	725.8 "
11,133 " " 16 " {	528.8 "
23,137 " " 20 " {	1,542.4 "
<hr/> 1,132,221 "	<hr/> 13,107.1 "

In all 214.4 miles cost, laid, 806,618 27

<i>Meters.</i>	<i>Size.</i>	<i>Aggregate lights.</i>
12,368	3 lights	37,104 "
7,867	5 "	39,335 "
2,883	10 "	28,830 "
864	20 "	17,280 "
195	30 "	5,850 "
110	45 "	4,950 "
41	60 "	2,460 "
63	100 "	6,300 "
1	150 "	150 "
4	500 "	2,000 "
<hr/> 24,396		<hr/> 144,259

Average size nearly, 6 lights, cost, set,	258,356 10
Service pipes 24,446, average length 20 feet. In all 488,920 ft., average size $\frac{7}{8}$ inch, cost, laid,	205,208 48
Adding cost of 300 publ. lamps, paid for by Gas works,	11,814 02
Makes entire cost of the property,	<u>\$2,615,774 35</u>

Inventory of property of the Northern Liberties Gas Co., reported in a schedule presented by them to the Joint Committee of Councils, and of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, in March 28, 1856, and statement of its cost reported to Councils, January, 1856.

Real estate, 4 lots containing
69,647 square feet, or $1\frac{6}{10}$ acres,
cost,

\$29,656 28

Gas factory, capable of making
300,000 cubic feet per day,
with 4 gas holders, contain-
ing 340,000 cubic feet, cost,

161,396 19

Street Mains.

Weight.

55,789 feet 3 in.	418.5 tons.
20,570 " 4 in.	205.2 "
875 " 6 in.	14.6 "
3,800 " 10 in.	104.5 "

In all, 81,034 feet,
or $15\frac{1}{3}$ miles, cost laid,

742.8 tons,

53,123 15

Meters.

Size.

Aggregate lights.

2,542	3 lights	7,626
282	5 "	1,410
34	10 "	340
22	20 "	440
3	30 "	90
1	45 "	45
1	60 "	60
1	100 "	100

In all, 2,886 meters,

10,111 lights.

Average size, $3\frac{1}{2}$ light, cost, set,	27,341 22
Service pipes 2,427, average length 27 feet, in all, 65,525 feet, average size $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, cost, laid,	33,307 50
Entire cost as per annual report to Councils	\$304,824 34

A collation of these inventories shews the following to be the relative amount of property belonging to the two establishments, and gives the relative of their respective value, exclusive of real estate and public lamps.

	City Gas Works.	N. L. Gas Works.	Ratio.
Capacity of Works	2,700,000 feet	300,000 feet	9 to 1
“ “ Storage	3,450,000 “	340,000 “	10 “ 1
Street Mains	214.4 Miles	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles	14 “ 1
Weight of same	13,107.1 tons	742 tons	18 “ 1
Meters	24,396	2,886	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ 1
Aggregate lights of same	144,259	10,111	14 “ 1
Service pipes	24,446 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch	2,427 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch	10 “ 1
Length of same	488,920	65,525	
Average value reduced } to 1 inch }	427,565	49,144	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ 1
Entire ratio 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 or			92 to 8

Collating in like manner the reported cost of the same, excluding real estate and public lamps gives the following ratio:

	City.	N. Liberties.	Ratio.
Works and Gas holders	\$1,290,819.79	\$161,396.19	8 to 1
Street mains	806,618.27	53,123.15	15 $\frac{1}{4}$ “ 1
Meters	258,356.10	27,341.22	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ 1
Service pipes	205,208.48	33,307.50	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ “ 1
	\$2,561,002.64	\$275,168.06	39 to 4

Shewing that the City works with 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ times as much property have cost about 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ times the sum.

It will be seen by the foregoing comparison of the works, pipes and meters of the two establishments, that if the property of the Northern Liberties Gas Works is worth cost, say, without Real Estate, \$275-168.06, the City works are worth $11\frac{1}{2}$ times that sum, without Real Estate or Lamps, charged to

	3.164.432.69
Adding Real Estate and Lamps, at cost,	54,771.71

would give their entire value	<u>\$3.219.204.40</u>
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which is \$ 603.430.05, more than cost.

Supposing the property belonging to the City Works to be worth no more than cost, say without land and lamps,

	\$ 2.561.002.64
then it follows that the property of the Northern Liberties Gas Comp'y without land is worth this sum divided by $11\frac{1}{2}$, say	227,391.53
and adding Real Estate at cost,	29.656.28

	<u>\$ 257.047.81</u>
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Being \$ 100.000 less than the price named for them in the pending ordinance.

The above calculations are based on the supposition of both establishments being in equally good repair. The City Works have expended for repairs in the last five years over \$ 300.000.00. The amount applied to repairs in the N. L. works during the same time is not shown in their reports to Councils, as the repair account is blended with incidental expenses, salaries, taxes, &c.

It having been stated by persons not familiar with the affairs of the City Gas Works that a loss must be incurred by selling gas at the rates fixed by law, it may be proper to call attention to a few facts that are susceptible of very clear proof.

The whole amount of Gas Loans that had been issued up to January 1st, 1857, was

\$ 1.780.200

Of these and other City loans the Trustees held at that date in the sinking fund	\$ 691.500.00
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Leaving the sum of	\$ 1.088.700.00
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as the entire outstanding City debt on account of the Works.

Showing that the Trustees have constructed the works and carried on the manufacturing operations with this remarkable result. They possessed on the 1st. of January, 1857, an establishment worth more than

	\$ 3.200.000.00
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and owed for it less than

	1.200.000.00
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Showing a clear surplus of	\$ 2.000.000.00
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From this large surplus shown, by taking the City Gas Works at the valuation derived from the cost of the Northern Liberties Works, should be deducted the amount of City loans that the City Gas Works have assumed under the ordinance of March 20th, 1855, say \$ 450.000.00, which will leave a surplus clear of all incumbrances amounting to \$ 1.550.000.00 as the net gain arising to the City from the Gas Works.

B.

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS,

December 21st, 1857.

H. T. KING, Esq., *Chairman*:

DEAR SIR,—I am obliged to trouble you once more in fulfilment of my promise to give you the facts and figures, as derived from the records of the Gas Works, which may enable you to form a correct opinion of the assertion that the costs of the new works have greatly exceeded the estimate for them. In the 16th annual report of the Gas Works laid before Councils in January, 1851, will be found the first intimation of a necessity

for more land for the enlargement of the works. An opinion (not an estimate) is there expressed, that the sum of \$300.000 would probably suffice for the purchase of a suitable site, the erection of one section of factory with its appropriate gas holder and the laying of a large main to connect the old and new works. The idea then was to buy about 20 acres of land in the vicinity of the U. S. Naval Asylum, distant less than one mile from the existing works, and there erect one section of a factory similar to the section last built at the Market Str. station. Negotiations were opened for the purchase of lands in that quarter, and while these were pending, the whole subject was maturely considered and discussed, and the conclusion thus reached was, that it would be advisable to seek a location nearer the open navigation of the Delaware and adopt the primary plans for the ultimate entire supply for the city.

As soon as this decision was reached, an opinion of the probable cost of the preparative measures and first section, for which no special plans had even then been adopted, was given, placing it at the sum of \$400.000, which sum was authorized by ordinance of Councils, passed March 20, 1851. Upon this authoritative decision of the question several sites were carefully examined and their relative merits discussed; the most prominent being the Girard Meadow farm, a part of League Island and the bluff above Point Breeze. The latter was chosen, and 70 acres were bought under the sanction and direction of Councils, given by resolutions passed June 26th, 1851, and Dec. 2d, 1852.

The earliest opinion, or estimate, if it may so be called, of the cost of new works, was applied to a section capable of making 320,000 cubic feet of gas a day with an appropriate gasholder which would contain 1.000.000 cubic feet; the location being within reach of the city water mains, and the connecting gas main less than one mile long.

The subsequent opinion (for even then no strict estimate could be made) was applied to a section designed to make 500.000 feet per day with a gasholder

of greatly increased dimensions, with a connecting main nearly 3 miles in length, and with machinery for raising the supply of water so essential for proper gas making; the latter addition being necessary, as the site was out of reach of the city water mains. To show the importance attached to a supply of water it may be mentioned that the water rent paid at the Ninth Ward Works is \$600 per annum. By the time the plans for these new works were matured, experience had demonstrated the economy of having gas holders of very large size; and the dimensions of the new one were increased to a capacity of 1,800,000 feet, being more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the size first thought of.

The first section of this enlarged plan was finished and put in operation in December, 1854, and cost \$395,881 66, or nearly \$4,200 less than the appropriation. It is to be borne in mind that this is the cost not only of the one section of works then put in use, but also of a wharf 400 feet wide, with 30 feet water in front, and also includes the extra cost of securing the foundations, by the very expensive operation of driving piles to a depth of 70 feet below the natural surface. Even with these extraordinary expenses, the cost of the factory and gas holder, separate from that of the wharf and other preparations belonging to the future entire works, will compare very favorably with that of the unpretending and cheaply-built Northern Liberties Gas Works. The following figures show their comparative value and cost.

	Point Breeze.	N. Liberties.	Ratio.
Factory,	500.000 c. ft.	300 000 c. ft.	1.67 to 1
Gas holders,	1,800.000 c. ft.	340.000 c. ft.	5.29 to 1
			<hr/> 6.96 to 2
		Productive value,	3.48 to 1
Cost \$161.396 19 for Northern Liberties factory and gas holders.			
" 226.305 14 for Point Breeze		" "	" "
		Rates of cost,	1.4 to 1.

A division of the accounts shows the cost of the several parts, making up the aggregate cost of the 1st section of new works,—

Factory and gas holder, \$226,305 49

Large connection,	\$4,220 00
Wharf, with retaining wall and plank road,	23,550 29
Large main,	48,930 00
Land,	36,957 69
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Total payment for new works, January 1st, 1855,	\$339,963 47
Bills outstanding,	55,918 19
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Entire cost of first section, with all preparations of the grounds, &c.,	\$395,881 66
Nearly \$4,200 00 less than the appropriations.	

C.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1857.

H. T. KING, Esq.,

DEAR SIR :—For the purpose of answering the question propounded to me when before the Committee, and of which you are Chairman, I have examined the pay rolls of the Spring Garden office of the Department of distribution of gas, in which it is alleged that the force or employees in this Department has been increased about five fold since Mr. Abraham Meyers was engineer of the Spring Garden Gas Works. With what *truthfulness* this allegation is made, let the following facts attest:—

The persons employed in this Department are the Register, Clerks, Inspectors of meters and fittings, service, drip and out-of-order men.

Mr. Abraham Meyers was the sole engineer of the Spring Garden Gas Works for some time prior to, and during the month of March, 1855. Under the ordinance of Councils, approved March 20, 1855, those works passed into the hands of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, and of course under their management. It was by the transfer of those works,

at that time, that the pay rolls of the Spring Garden Gas Works, for the month of March, 1855, came into the hands of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works. And as they are the only pay rolls of Mr. Meyers which came into the possession of the trustees, I have consequently compared that pay roll which relates to the Department referred to, with similar pay rolls for the same months of the succeeding years. To prevent misapprehension, let me say, that an examination of the pay rolls for any other months, since March, 1855, will exhibit the same facts. I have not the means of knowing, positively, what the pay roll in the Department referred to was in 1854, but from the best information I can obtain, it did not fall much, if any, below the force employed in March, 1855. Assuming this to be so, the following statement will show whose management was most economical.

I need scarcely say, that the labor in this Department increases with the increase of customers and the consumption of gas.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN WIEGAND.

The receipts for gas from private lighting	
in 1854, was	\$73,475 14
“ employees in Department referred to,	
say twenty.	
“ receipts for gas from private lighting	
in 1855, was	85,939 39
“ employees in Department &c., twenty.	
“ receipts for gas from private lighting	
in 1856, was	104,309 15
“ employees in Department &c., eight-	
een.	
“ receipts for gas from pri-	
rate lighting in 1857,	
from Jan. 1st to Dec.	
1st,	\$118,158 54

The estimated receipts for the
 month of December, as } 12,155 37
 per last year, } ————— 130,313 91
 “ employees in Department
 &c., twenty-four.*

The Trustees of the City Gas Works took possession of the Spring Garden Gas Work on the 2d day of April, 1855. The pay roll for the previous month of March was presented to us by Mr. A. Meyers and paid by us. On referring to it I find the amount paid for Gas-making was \$2,318.25.

There was no account given to us of the quantity of Gas made in March, but estimating it by the quantity recorded for April, with the proper addition for the relative length of the nights, gives a make of 5,295,000 cubic feet.

March 1855 paid for Gas making	\$2,318.25	Gas made	5,295,000
“ 1856 “ “ “ “	1,335.57	“ “	6,494,000
“ 1857 “ “ “ “	2,052.92	“ “	9,544,000

Philadelphia, Dec. 21, 1857.

H. T. KING, Esq.—

DEAR SIR:—In answer to your question whether the present price of Gas, charged by the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works to private consumers (\$2.25 per thousand cubic feet, less 5 per cent.) will enable the trustees to derive sufficient surplus profits from the sales of Gas, to enable them to meet the *increasing demands* for that article, and consequent enlargement of the Works, Mains, Service pipes and Meters—I answer—No.

Mains, Services and Meters are as properly chargeable to, and form part of the capital, as much as the buildings and machinery used for the manufacture of gas. It has been the practice of the trustees, and is the practice of every other gas works of which I have any knowledge, to charge Mains, Services and Meters to capital, as well as the buildings and machinery used for the manufacture of gas.

* This number includes additional Inspectors employed for the frequent or intermediate inspections.

By reference to the state of the works in the report of the trustees made to Councils, January, 1857, page 29, you will find that there was invested in "Works," to that date, \$1.114.819.79

In Street Mains	636.618,27
" Services & Meters	359.564.58

Making - - - - - \$996.182.85
a sum nearly equal to the cost of the "Works" &c., in which the gas is manufactured.

All that the trustees are authorized to do by Ordinances of Councils, is to pay for the cost of making the gas, which included all the *materials* used for that purpose and the *labor of workmen*: the keeping of the entire Works, Machinery, Mains, Service pipes and Meters in good *repair*: *incidental* charges, including salaries and services of Clerks: the *interest* on the loans invested in the works and the appropriations to the *Sinking Fund*; the surplus profits, if any, limited to \$30.000 per annum, to be invested in the extension of the Works, Mains, Services and Meters. By these provisions of Ordinances, *all* the annual expenses for the manufacture of Gas—Interest—and Sinking Fund have been paid, and the annual surplus profits, which forms the Contingent Fund, have been invested in the extension of the Works, Mains, Services, &c.

This investment on the first of January last amounted (as per report of Trustees, page 29) to \$378.477.62.

I think it will be found, upon examination, that to change the policy of the present system, and charge such a price for gas as will cover all expenses for its manufacture, interest on loans and appropriation to the Sinking Fund; and, in addition, create annually a sufficient surplus for such an extension of the works, mains &c., &c., as the wants of the citizens will require, would not only be in contravention of existing ordinances, but would lead to universal dissatisfaction among the consumers of gas.

To illustrate what I mean, suppose that for the year 1858 we estimate the private consumption of gas to be four hundred millions of cubic feet, and the citizens

should require that Mains, Meters and Service pipes should be extended and the "Works" consequently enlarged, amounting in all say to one hundred thousand dollars; in order to realize this sum, provided no advance should take place in labor and materials over that paid in 1856, it would require an advance in the present price of gas of about twenty-five cents per thousand cubic feet, to realize that amount.

Could the Trustees or Councils satisfy the gas-consuming public that such an advance was right? We must recollect that gas has long ceased to be a luxury or mere convenience; it is permanently incorporated among the necessities of life.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN WIEGAND.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize a Loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to enable them to increase the works under their charge—extend the distribution of Gas, and equalize the price of the same in all the Wards of the City supplied by them.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase for and on account of the City of Philadelphia, for the use and benefit of the City, the Gas Works hereinafter named,—including all the real estate, offices and buildings belonging to each of said Gas Works, with all the apparatus used by and belonging to them, for the manufacture and storage of gas, all the gas mains, service pipes, meters, materials, tools of every description, and all other property belonging to the said companies respectively; for the distribution of gas, payable in six per cent. loans, hereinafter provided for, at par, at a price not exceeding the amounts named for the several Gas Works respectively; for the works of the Germantown Gas Company, \$85,000; and for the works of

the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, \$109,000. *Provided*, That the said works shall be under the control of the said Trustees; subject, nevertheless, to any ordinance or ordinances that may hereafter be enacted in relation to the same; and nothing contained herein shall prevent the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia from hereafter taking possession of the same, and transferring the control of said works and property belonging thereto, to any Department of the City Government that may be created for that purpose; or of regulating the price of gas furnished by the said works, or of directing the mode by which the same shall be managed by the aforementioned Trustees. *And provided further*, That the said Trustees, in managing said works by direction of the Select and Common Councils, shall not be required to do any act that would reduce the net profit of the Philadelphia Gas Works below the sum of eight per centum per annum, upon the amount of loans negotiated for said works.

SECT. 2. That the Mayor of the City be and he is authorized to borrow on the security of the mortgage hereinafter provided for, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, such sums as the Trustees of the Gas Works shall require, not exceeding in the whole the sum of
and without requiring the payment of any money therefor, the President of the said Board of Trustees is hereby empowered and directed, on the requisition of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to issue Certificates of Loan, in the form hereinafter provided, in such amounts, not exceeding said sum, and to such parties as the Trustees shall designate; *provided, however*, that the said Trustees shall not be authorized to make requisition upon their President, except such certificates are required to pay for the several Gas Works authorized by this ordinance to be purchased, and for obligations that may be incurred in the enlargement and extension of the pipes and fixtures of, and to carry on the Gas Works in their charge, and in the manufacture and distribution of gas; and

the reduction and equalizing of the price of the same in all the Wards of the City, which are or shall be supplied with gas from said works. And the Mayor is hereby authorized, for the purposes aforesaid, to execute and deliver to such person or persons as the said Trustees may designate, a mortgage of all property belonging to the Gas Works purchased under the provisions of this ordinance, which can be encumbered by a mortgage, to be held in trust by the person or persons designated as aforesaid, for the benefit and security of all persons who may hereafter become the holders of the Certificates of Loan of the said Trustees, which shall be issued by virtue of this ordinance; *provided*, that the principal of said mortgage shall not exceed the above-mentioned sum of dollars.

SECT. 3. The certificate of said loan shall be of the following form and description, namely:—"Certificate No. Six per cent. Loan of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, for the use of said Trustees, issued under authority of an Ordinance of the City of Philadelphia, approved

entitled An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Companies, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to enable them to increase the works under their charge, extend the distribution of Gas, and equalize the price of the same in all the wards of the City, supplied with Gas by said Works. This certifies that there is due to

by the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works Dollars, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable half-yearly, on the first days of January and July, at the office of the Trustees of the City Gas Works; the principal to be paid at the said office, on the first day of July Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and not before without the consent of the owner thereof. The holder of this certificate is entitled to the security

of a mortgage of the property belonging to the Gas Works, purchased by the City of Philadelphia from the Germantown and Southwark and Moyamensing Companies, executed and delivered to

in trust, (dated

and recorded in the office for recording deeds, &c., in the City of Philadelphia, in mortgage Book

No. page) to secure the full and final payment of this certificate, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum. In witness whereof, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, has hereunto set his hand and caused his official seal to be affixed, the day of

185 and the Cashier of the Board of Trustees has attested the same on the said day and year.

The said certificate shall not contain any fractional parts of one hundred dollars, and shall be transferable at the office of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

SECTION 4. The said Trustees shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December, and the thirtieth day of June in every year, until the said loan is paid, retain out of their receipts for the sale of Gas and other Manufactures of the Gas Works, the sum of four per centum on the amount of said loan, for which Certificates may have been issued: which they shall pay to their Cashier, who shall apply three per centum to the payment of the interest on the said loan as the same may fall due, and to no other purpose whatever, and the remaining one per cent. and the accumulations therefrom shall be invested by the Commissioners of the sinking fund in the Loans of the City of Philadelphia, as a sinking fund, and they are hereby specifically pledged to the re-payment of said Loan; and any surplus which may remain after the payment of said loan, shall be paid over to the Commissioners of the sinking fund, to be applied towards the extinguishment of the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia.

SEC. 5. The Gas Works purchased under the authority of this Ordinance shall be under the man-

agement of said Trustees; and they shall have power to make contracts for materials, labor and superintendence to be employed in said works; to reduce and equalize the price of Gas in all the Wards of the City, which they shall supply, and to collect all debts which may become due to the same, and to enforce the same rules and regulations for the introduction and consumption of Gas, as are now, or may be hereafter authorized by the said Ordinance, or any other Ordinance duly enacted.

SECT. 6. Immediately after the passage hereof, and before taking possession of said Gas Works, the Trustees shall make a detailed report to Councils, of the property, real or personal, so purchased by them, signed by the Committee on Gas, of the Select and Common Councils, and by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works; and thereupon the Trustees are authorized to take possession of the said Gas Works and the real and personal property belonging to the same, and to request their President to forthwith issue Certificates of Loan as hereinbefore provided, to the respective Gas Companies, for the amount of the purchase sum respectively due them.

SECT. 7. The Trustees shall be authorized to sell any portion of the works or property, whether real or personal, which may be purchased under the provisions of this Ordinance, (and which may not be needed by them for the purposes of the Gas Works,) and apply the proceeds of the sale of any property so disposed of, to the enlargement and extension of the pipes and fixtures of, and to the carrying on of the Gas Works in their charge; and the Mayor of the City is hereby directed to affix his signature and the Seal of the City, to the conveyance of any Real Estate which may be sold under the provisions of this Ordinance. *Provided*, That the assent of Councils shall be necessary to authorize the sale of any Real Estate by the said Trustees.

APPENDIX No. 68.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee of Trust, to whom was referred the communication of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, containing charges against the Lafayette and United States Hose, and the Philadelphia, Diligent, Weccacoe and Fairmount Fire Companies, for violating the rules of the Fire Department, to wit :—

The Lafayette and United States Hose companies, by running out of their District ; the former to the fire on the wharf, below Christian street, on December 16th ; the latter at the fire at Eleventh and Barley streets, October 25th, 1857. The Philadelphia, Diligent, Weccacoe and Fairmount Fire Companies, for disobedience to orders in refusing to give water to other companies, when directed so to do by the Chief Engineer. The Philadelphia, at the fire at Nineteenth street below Pine, on December 3d. The Diligent and Fairmount, at the fire in Market street above Eighth, on December 7th ; and the Weccaco, at the fire in Franklin Place, on November 26th, 1857 ; would respectfully report :—

That after hearing all the testimony and examining the other proofs, and carefully considering the whole subject, they find that the Lafayette and United States Hose Companies were guilty of the offences charged against them in the Chief Engineer's communication to Councils.

That the Philadelphia Fire Company is guilty of disobedience, inasmuch as they refused not only to give water, when directed to do so, but actually resisted the execution of said order with force and violence, in presence of, and in contempt of, the Chief Engineer.

That it does not appear to the Committee, that the Fairmount Fire Company either refused or resisted the

orders of the Chief Engineer, but that, on his taking the water, they immediately ceased operations, and took their apparatus from the fire ground. While your Committee are unable to point to any law, ordinance or rule, compelling a company to remain at a fire ; still, when we reflect that the duty of a fireman is voluntarily assumed, it is but fair to expect from them a vigorous and constant defence against the ravages of fire ; that they would not, under any circumstances, or for any pretence, abandon their fellow citizens in a time of peril. If the efforts of the firemen are to depended upon the whims and caprice of the moment, the community would be infinitely better off without them. If their rights are invaded, or their persons insulted, a proper mode of redress is provided ; but surely it is no time to settle any dispute, while fire is consuming the property of our citizens, either by wrangling or parleying at the time, or in a pet withdrawing from the scene of danger ; for, should such a practice be generally adopted, it would prove destructive of all order and effectiveness in the Department. No citizen could feel secure against the most direful consequences at times of fire, as no confidence could be placed in a body wholly given up to insubordination. Such a state of things, the Committee are sure, would be deprecated by the firemen themselves.

For these reasons your Committee deem it necessary to arrest such a tendency, by imposing such sentences and penalties as will prevent a recurrence of such conduct. Nor should the members of the Department find fault with our pursuing such a course ; as every good to themselves, as men, and the effectual working of the Department with which they are entrusted, must depend entirely upon its being a well regulated system, upon a thorough adherence to the rules and regulations adopted for its government, a manly recognition of authority, and a strict and hearty obedience to orders when coming from a superior. These reasons, if there were no others, should be sufficient to induce them to regulate their conduct in a manner

promotive of the fame and honor of so important and indispensable an arm of the police of the City.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of obedience. It is said to be a soldier's first duty; and certainly a fireman's exploits would appear no less gallant, because they were adorned with a proper regard for authority; especially should they be willing to submit to orders when they choose their own officers, who ever stand before them as fellow members, selected for their skill and ability as firemen. Your Committee therefore conclude that it is eminently proper, that some marked and distinct notice should be taken to disapprove and reprobate such violation of good conduct as that proved against the companies under consideration, sincerely hoping that there may be no occasion in the future conduct of any company for the infliction of punishment for similar offences.

As to the Diligent and Weccacoe Fire Companies, the Committee have failed to discover that they have been guilty of any act, calling either for censure or punishment; but would simply remark that an immediate and hearty acquiescence in the orders of the Chief Engineer is absolutely essential to the peace, harmony, and efficiency in the workings of the department.

They, therefore, submit and ask the adoption of the annexed resolutions.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
SETH AUSTIN,
JACOB MOYER.

Dec. 31, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Lafayette and United States Hose Companies be, and they are hereby, each of them, fined twenty-five dollars, for violating the rules of the Fire

Department, in running out of their respective districts without orders, and that the same be deducted from their appropriations made for the year 1858.

Resolved, That the Philadelphia Engine Company, be, and it hereby is fined forty dollars, to be deducted from their next appropriation, for violating the rules of the Department, in refusing to obey, and by force resisting the orders of the Chief Engineer, at the fire in Nineteenth street below Pine, on December 3, 1857.

Resolved, That the Fairmount Engine Company be, and it hereby is fined twenty-five dollars, to be deducted from their appropriation for the year 1858, for their refusal to perform duty at the fire in Market above Eighth street, on December 7, 1857, thereby setting an evil example to their associates, and encouraging a spirit of insubordination.

Resolved, That the Diligent and Weccacoe Engine companies be, and they hereby are exonerated from the charges made against them by the Chief Engineer in his communication to Councils.

APPENDIX No. 69.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred a petition of property holders in the neighborhood of Norris Square, asking for the construction of a culvert for the purpose of draining the basin caused by the City grade regulations at the corner of Susquehanna Avenue and Clinton street; having received a report thereon from the Board of Surveyors, and examined the matter in question, are impressed with the neces-

sity of the early construction of the culvert asked for, as advantageous to the City property of Norris square, which cannot be improved until the drainage asked for is effected, and to the health of that locality which is now seriously injured by the ponds of water for which there is no outlet. A large amount of valuable property is now vacant in consequence of this want of drainage, and houses, which have lately been erected, are tenantless, owing to the water filling the cellars.

Your Committee, therefore, present an Ordinance, which they believe will insure the construction of a suitable culvert at a minimum expense to the City, and ask that it may be adopted.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
I. N. MARSELIS,
J. K. GAMBLE,
THOS. TYSON BUTCHER,
HUGH GILLIN,
ROBERT WARNOCK.

Dec. 31, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

For the construction of a culvert on Susquehanna avenue in the Nineteenth Ward.

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized, and is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a Culvert on the line of Susquehanna avenue, from the west side of Clinton street to Front street, thence on the line of Emerald street to intersect the main Culvert on York street in the Nineteenth Ward, said Culvert to be of such form and dimensions as shall be prescribed by the Department of Surveys, and said Chief Commissioner of Highways, in conjunction with the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, shall allot said work to the lowest and best bidder, on condition that the contractor accepting the work so allotted shall receive the bills made out by the Department of Surveys against the property fronting on the line of said Culvert, as

authorized by section 8th of the Supplement to the Act of Consolidation, approved 21st of April, 1855, as cash payment, and should the actual cost of said Culvert exceed the amount of bills rendered as above specified, the difference to be paid out of such item to the Highway Department as may be determined hereafter.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Department of Surveys to cause said bills to be made out against the property lying upon line of said Culvert within ten days after the completion and acceptance of the same, with a charge upon the front of property proportional to the cost of said Culvert, said charge not to exceed seventy-five cents per foot lineal of front, with a deduction of one third for corner lots, when said Culvert may be laid upon the long side; *provided*, that a Culvert has not been laid upon the front proper at the expense of the City, said bills to be certified to as correct by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

SEC. 3. The contractor or contractors shall assume the collection of said bills, and in case of refusal or neglect on the part of the property owners to pay the bills so prepared and presented, the said contractor or contractors shall be, and are hereby empowered to file a lien or liens against said property or properties, in the name of the City of Philadelphia, for the use of said contractor or contractors, and collect the amount thus due, in manner directed by the several Acts of Assembly providing for the collection of municipal claims; *provided*, the City of Philadelphia shall be at no cost in the collection of the same, and that said bills and liens shall be taken by the said contractor or contractors, without recourse to the City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 70.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred a petition of Geo. H. Beaumont, asking that a culvert may be constructed by him, connecting with the Thompson street culvert, between Seventh and Marshall streets, beg leave to state, that the gentleman can obtain a permit for said connection, upon application to the Department of Highways, and paying the usual fees. We therefore ask that your Committee may be discharged from the further consideration of the question.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
ALBERT B. ASHTON,
I. N. MARSELIS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ROBT. WARNOCK,
WM. M. BAIRD,
THOS. TYSON BUTCHER.

Dec. 31, 1857.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

APPENDIX No. 71.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILLS HOSPITAL.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

The Board of Managers of the Wills Hospital for the indigent blind and lame submit their twenty-third annual report.

There has been expended during the past year the sum of \$6147.52, which has been appropriated as follows, viz.:

House Expenses,	-	\$3596.80
Salaries and Wages,	-	1373.94
Medical Department,	-	636.54
Real Estate,	-	540.24
		<hr/>
		6147.52

The number of patients admitted during the year, among which are included 37 who were in the Hospital at the close of 1856, were

The number discharged during the same period was	-	-	-	-	189
					<hr/>

Leaving at present in the Hospital

Of the discharged were,					30
Cured,	-	-		150	
Relieved,	-	-		28	
Not improved by treatment,				4	
Incurable,	-	-		5	
Eloped	-	-		1	
Died	-	-		1	189
					<hr/>

Of the number admitted there were born, in

Ireland,	102
The United States,	62
Germany, -	5
England, -	7
Scotland, -	2
Wales, -	2
Canada, -	1
Switzerland, -	1

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In addition to those residing in the Hospital, 1133 out-door patients have received the care of the Surgeons of the Institution.

The Steward has received from pay patients and other sources \$769.36, which amount has been paid to the City Treasurer.

There have been 237 surgical operations during the year.

Of which those for Cataract were	69
Strabismus, "	10
Artificial pupil,	5
Staphyloma,	3
Excision of the thigh bone,	1

The rest were principally operations upon the eye-lids and lachrymal apparatus and the removal of foreign bodies from the eye.

The Hospital has been managed with care; and faithfulness and ability have marked the conduct of the surgeons and physicians.

Signed on behalf of and by order of the Board.

JNO. STEDMAN PAUL, *President*.

EDWARD HOPPER, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4th, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 72.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS, ETC.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee of Highways, &c., to whom was referred the communication from the Chief Commissioner of Highways, recommending that authority be given to the Department to re-pave certain Streets in the several wards therein named, respectfully report:

That under the ordinances of the City, the Highway Department have no authority to do any repaving, except it is authorised by a resolution or ordinance of Councils. This the Committee deem a wise provision, which should not be altered or abrogated, but if each street or a portion of a street that needs re-paving is left until the attention of Councils is called to it by the petition of citizens, and then made the subject of a separate resolution, a great deal of unnecessary labor

is thrown upon the Committee, and a heavy expense is incurred in the publication and recording of the resolutions.

The Committee have therefore reported the resolutions hereunto annexed, which, if adopted by Councils, will enable the Department to make the contracts during the winter and to put the men at work as soon in the spring as the weather is sufficiently favourable. They have added a resolution authorizing all streets with a single track cartway, to be paved with tramway stone on the gutters.

This mode of paving is by those who understand the business deemed the most economical for streets of that character.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*.
PETER FRAILEY,
JOHN K. GAMBLE,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
JOHN F. DEAL,
JAS. BURNS.

Philadelphia, *Dec.* 9, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the Re-paving of certain streets in the several Wards therein named.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with competent pavers, for re-paving the following named streets within the spaces respectively specified, viz. :

First Ward—Reed street, from Second street to Fourth.

Third Ward—Swanson street, from Catharein to Queen.

Fourth Ward—Shippen St., from Second to Third.

- Fourth Ward—Monroe street, from Third to Fifth.
do Spafford street, from Bedford street to Fitzwater.
do Tenth street, from South street to Shippen.
do Pine alley, from Fourth street to Ball alley.
do Ball alley.
- Fifth Ward—Union street, from Second to Third.
do Gaskill street, from Fourth to Fifth.
- Seventh Ward—Spruce street, from Seventeenth to Eighteenth.
do Tryan street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second.
do Fifteenth street, from Lombard to Pine.
- Eighth Ward—Lewis street, from Fifteenth to Seventeenth.
do Helmuth street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth.
do Orange St., from Seventh to Eighth.
do Twentieth street, from Chestnut to George.
do Sixteenth St., from Spruce to Pine.
- Ninth Ward—Chestnut street, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth.
do Thirteenth street, from Market to Chesnut.
do Eighth street, from Arch to Filbert.
do Market street, from Twelfth to Thirtieth,
- Tenth Ward—Eighth street, from Cherry to Race.
do Vine street, from Broad to Sixteenth.
do do Eighteenth to Twentieth.
do do Twenty-first to Twenty-third.
- Twelfth Ward—Rawle street, from Fourth to Fifth.
- Thirteenth Ward—Franklin St., from Wood to Vine.
- Fourteenth Ward—Wood street, from Thirteenth to Broad.
do Twelfth street, from Vine to Cal-lowhill.

Fourteenth Ward—Brinton street, from Ridge avenue to Eleventh.

Fifteenth Ward—Landing street, from Coates street to Kern's Bridge.

do Coates street, in the centre, where the railroad track has been taken up, between the Reading Railroad and the Schuylkill.

Seventeenth Ward—Germantown road, from Master to Jefferson.

do Columbia avenue, from Second to Third.

Eighteenth Ward—Queen St., southward, from Morris five hundred feet.

do Franklin avenue, from Wood to Ash.

do Shackamaxon street, from Queen to Allen.

Nineteenth Ward—Germantown road, from Oxford to Columbia avenue.

Twentieth Ward—Tenth St., from Poplar to Master.

do Seventh street, from Master to Jefferson.

do Eleventh St., from Girard avenue to Master.

do Poplar St., from Ninth to Tenth.

do Thirteenth St., from Girard avenue to Poplar.

for which contracts or proposals shall be invited by advertisement in two daily newspapers, and the same shall in each case be allotted to the lowest bidder, who is a competent paver, that will give the requisite security for the faithful performance of his duties.

Resolved, That such of the streets named in the foregoing resolution as have a cartway of a width only sufficient to permit the passage of one vehicle, the said department is hereby authorized to re-pave with tramway stone, and in all cases where the cartway is wider than is necessary, the same may be narrowed by adding an equal portion thereof to each footway.

APPENDIX No. 73.

MINORITY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on “Trusts and Fire Department,” not being fully satisfied with the conclusions of the majority of the Committee relative to the charge of disobedience preferred by the Chief Engineer against several of the companies, beg leave to make the following report :

By a supplement to an Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, it is made the duty of the Chief Engineer, or in his absence, the next in authority, to report to Councils any fire company which may have offended, with a statement of the facts in relation thereto ; and for any failure in the performance of this duty, they shall be dismissed from office.

It must be admitted that this is a wholesome and stringent regulation for the government of the Chief Engineer, and that the success and harmony of the Fire Department requires that *all* of the companies should cheerfully acquiesce in its propriety, and be willing to submit to rules equally stringent. We are not aware of any complaint against the Chief Engineer for neglect of this part of his duty ; he seems to have performed it faithfully, without partiality, and without the evidence of any disposition to favor large and influential companies more than the smaller ones. It must be observed that the Chief Engineer is an officer selected by the firemen themselves. He is sworn to the faithful performance of his duty, and under bonds, in the penal sum of *ten thousand dollars*.

His duty is to attend *all* fires in the City, superintend and direct the operations of the companies, and is obliged by ordinance and by the rules of the fire companies, to take entire control of the fire ground.

during the time of a fire. One of the rules of the firemen is, that "the station of the Chief Engineer, or in his absence, the acting Engineer, shall be in front of the fire, and firemen *shall obey all orders issued by the Chief or Assistant, promptly, and without hesitation.*"

This is a wholesome rule, and if strictly adhered to by the fire companies, we should not be called upon to investigate their conduct, as in the cases now under consideration.

For disobedience of orders at the late fire at Eighth and Market streets, it became the duty of the Chief Engineer to report the "Fairmount Engine Company." This disobedience occurred, and the confusion in consequence thereof, at a critical moment—when the fire was raging, and when the united energies of *all* the firemen should have been directed to stay its progress.

The statement of the Chief Engineer (under his oath of office) was, that this company refused, at his urgent request, to give part of the water which was at the time wasting from their engine and flowing in the gutters, to other companies that occupied favorable positions, and were standing idle for want of water. The Fairmount had three heads, when the Chief requested her to part with one, for an engine that had no water. This request was refused, and a good deal of noise and confusion ensued; and although she had *two* attachments remaining, with which she could have performed a noble part in arresting the flames, the orders of the Chief Engineer were resented by this company in putting up their engine and leaving the fire ground. In addition to the fact that the Fairmount Company left the ground during the fire, it was in evidence that some of their members endeavored to induce the Diligent Company to pursue the same course; this advice, however, we are happy to state, was not followed by the latter company.

It does not appear that any direct refusal to comply with the orders of the Chief Engineer, occurred on the part of the "Diligent Engine Company." When the Chief discovered that this company had a superabundance of water, he requested a portion of it for

other companies, which was declined on their part at first, but on reiterating his order, the water was taken without resistance, and this company remained on the ground performing good service until the fire was subdued. The "Weccacoe" was the next company complained of, at the fire in Franklin Place.

This company refused to give to an engine standing alongside of her, one of four heads of water which she had monopolized, and which were overflowing her engine. The Chief Engineer took one attachment from this engine, against the remonstrance of several members of the company, and amidst a good deal of confusion. The testimony in this case showed that the "Weccacoe" had an abundant supply of water after the chief had removed one attachment, and she remained in service until the fire was subdued.

The "La Fayette" and "United States" Hose Companies, were reported for violating the ordinance, in running to fires out of their bounds. They attempted to justify their conduct, but the evidence was conclusive against them; and although the undersigned esteem this offence of overstepping their bounds as a comparatively trifling one, compared with a refusal to obey orders on the Fire ground, still they think that an expression of disapprobation of their conduct should be given.

The undersigned are of opinion that most of the disorder in the Fire Department arises from the fact, that the ordinance does not provide a prompt imposition of adequate penalties. The present system of reporting to Councils, and then an examination by Committees, does not seem to be efficient in its operation to check disorder on the Fire ground.

The undersigned are decidedly of opinion that authority should be vested in the Chief Engineer, to suspend any company for disobedience of orders, violation of rules of the Board, or other disorderly conduct; and they recommend to Councils the passage of an ordinance for this purpose.

Such a regulation would, in the opinion of the undersigned, cause the directions of the Chief Engineer

and his assistants to be respected, and secure order and harmony on the Fire ground. The monopolising of water by the powerful companies, and their sharing it with their favorites, is one of the principal causes of complaint and disorder, which, it appears to us, can only be remedied by clothing the Chief Engineer with the power of suspension, as before indicated. It is so essential to harmony and success, that there should be a head to direct the operations of the fire companies when on duty, that the undersigned are constrained to recommend to Councils the propriety of clothing the Chief Engineer with adequate power for prompt dealing with those who prove refractory or are inclined to disregard his authority.

In conclusion, the undersigned regret that they are constrained to differ in their conclusions, (in some respects) from the majority of the Committee.

They beg leave, also, to submit the following resolutions.

WM. NEAL,
JOHN P. VERREE,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.

Dec. 15, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Fairmount Engine Company be suspended from active service for *three* months from this date.

Resolved, That the Philadelphia Engine Company be fined forty dollars, to be retained from their annual appropriation.

Resolved, That the "LaFayette Hose Company" and the "United States Hose Company" be each fined twenty-five dollars, to be withheld from their annual appropriation.

Resolved, That the "Weccocoe Engine Company" be *exhonorated*.

Resolved, That the "Diligent Engine Company" be and the same is hereby exhonored of the charges made against them.

APPENDIX No. 74.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and the Fire Department to whom was referred a petition of the Fame Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department, respectfully report the accompanying resolution and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
SETH AUSTIN,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.,
O. P. CORNMAN.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the services of the Fame Hose Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

APPENDIX No. 75.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER }
OF FIRE DEPARTMENT. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the provisions of the eighth section of the ordinance re-organizing this Department, I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a Report of Fires for the quarter ending December 31, 1857, together with the alarms, the amount of loss, and the loss over insurance.

The number of fires that have occurred during that period has been 112, the loss upon which is \$153.665 upon which there is an insurance of \$108.910, leaving a balance of an uninsured loss of 44,755.

The Department as a general thing is in good condition. There are, however, a few persons connected with it, who are bound to do as they please, whether it's right or wrong; they, it appears, being accountable to no one for their actions, although the companies to which they belong, when reported, threaten them with expulsion, still they do not act in the premises. It is therefore unjust in your honorable bodies to hold me accountable in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for my action—for loss sustained by water unnecessarily thrown upon fires and in buildings, and yet when I attempt to save the property of our Citizens from such spoliation, I have the stream turned into my face, and get no redress when I report these facts, but am told that it was a trifling affair.

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL P. FEARON,

Dec. 31, 1857.

Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE 1857.	LOCATION.	DISTRICT.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	LOSS ON	
					Real Estate	Personal Estate.
Octo'r	2 S. W. cor. of 11th & Pleasant sts.	3	Lumber Yard,	Incendiarism.		\$ 800
"	2 No. 1704 Walnut street,	3	Dwelling,	Defective flue.	\$ 50	150
"	3 East side of 2nd st. bel. Chestnut	2	Clothing store,	Accidental.		
"	5 Richmond Lane & Brown street,	4	Unoccupied brick building,	Incendiarism.	1000	
"	6 Bank below Market street,	2	Wholesale silk store,	Defective flue.	2000	32000
"	6					
"	7 Emeline street above Eighth,	1	Unoccupied brick building.	Incendiarism.	100	
"	7 Bedford street above Sixth,	1	Frame shanties, stables, sheds,	Incendiarism.	375	200
"	8 Frankford Road & Linden street,	4	Junkshop,	Incendiarism.		
"	10 Swanson below Queen street,	1	Rubbish in a cellar,	Incendiarism.		
"	10 N. E. cor. Nicholson & Haines sts,	2	Roof of a building,	Defective flue.	500	1000
"	10 School House Lane.	6	Barn, stock &c.,	Incendiarism.	450	200
"	11 Vine st. betw. 22nd & 23d sts,	3	Stable, sheds &c.,	Incendiarism.	250	100
"	12 Ninth and Washington streets.	1	Stable,	Incendiarism.		
"	14 Rachel street above Brown,	4	Chairmaker shop,	Incendiarism.	300	100
"	14 Rear of Race st. below Third,	2	An old shed,	Incendiarism.		
"	14 Lehigh Avenue Wharf Delaware.	1	Boat shed,	Incendiarism.	75	
"	15 Linden st. betw. Front & Frank-					
"	ford Road,	4	Roof of a building,	Accidental.	129	150
"	16 Rear of 2441 Callowhill street,	3	Frame building and sheds,	Incendiarism.	700	50
"	17 Rear of Callowhill above 19th.	3	Stable,	Incendiarism.	300	
"	17 Frank'd Road ab. Franklin Av.	4	An old shed,	Incendiarism.		
"	17 Alarm caused by a fire in	2	Camden.			
"	17 North side of Race st. bel. 4th,	3	Chimney,			
"	18 On the Schuylkill near 35th st.	7	Ice house and stable,	Incendiarism.	1000	500
"	19 Bedford street below Eighth.	1	Dwelling, clothing &c.,	Carelessness.		
"	20 N. side Spruce st. bet. 11th & 12th	2	Roofs of two dwellings,	Defective flue.	400	200
"	20 Sixth street below Lombard,	1	Frame building, clothing &c ,	Accidental.		
"	22 East side 10th st. bel. Chestnut,	2	Dwelling,	Accidental.	25	25
"	23 Venango street near Sixth,	5	Two frame dwellings,	Incendiarism.	400	
"	23 West Chester Road & Grey's Lane	7	Stacks of hay,	Incendiarism.		300
"	25 Market street below Mary,	7	Paint shop,	Incendiarism.		
"	25 S. E. cor. 11th and Barley sts.	1	Carpenter shop,	Incendiarism.	150	450
"	25 Twelfth st. bel. Washington st.	1	Pile of lumber,	Incendiarism.		175
"	25 Main street below Washington,	6	Barn,	Incendiarism.	100	
"	25 W. side Lozan Sq'e bel. Vine st.	2	Unfinished building,	Incendiarism.	300	
"	25 Christian street above Ninth,	1	Commissioners' Hall.	Defective flue.		
"	26 Main street Holmesburg,	5	Carpenter & Wheelwright shops,	Incendiarism.	200	350
"	26 W. side Marshall betw. Poplar					
"	and Girard Avenue,	4	Two story frame dwelling,	Unknown.		200
"	27 West street above Somerset st.	4	Dye house, machinery &c.,	Incendiarism.	800	200
"	27 Armat street above Main,	6	Steam Saw mill,	Incendiarism.	3000	
"	30 Second street below Reed,	1	Blacksmith shop,	Accidental.		
"	30 Alarm caused by a light S. W.	1	from City.			
"	30 Jefferson Avenue & Mifflin st.	1	Cow stable,	Incendiarism.	100	50
"	30 Rittenhouse street near Main,	6	Barn,	Incendiarism.	200	
"	31 Alarm caused by the burning of					
"	some shavings in a cellar at					
"	20th and Callowhill sts.	3				
"	31 Chestnut st. betw. 6th & 7th sts.	2	Arcade,	Defective flue.	50	100
Nov'r	1 Germantown Road near Heart					
"	Lake,	6	Unoccupied building.	Incendiarism.		
"	1 Beach above Poplar street,	4	Unoccupied building.	Incendiarism.		
"	2 Seventh and Marriott's Lane.	1	Lumber Yard, pile of lumber,	Incendiarism.		550

OF FIRES, ETC.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Es- tate.	Per- sonal Es- tate.		
J. R. Wilmer,	Thos. Mather, J. R. Wilmer,	\$ 50	\$ 800 150	Jefferson, Spring Garden. Franklin, Hand in Hand.	[fling. Damage tri-
Frederick Lennig, Fassett Estate,	Phillips & Jennings,	1000 2000	33000	Royal, Union, Reliance, Am'n. Penn'a. Del. Mu- tual, Phila. F. & M., Phila. Fire & Life Hope Mutual	
John McArthur, John Gau, Jason Gau, P. Cullen James McCloskey,	Edward McGirth, Wm. Roach, Margaret Dillon, John Parson [Jeremiah Shields,	100 300		Franklin. Franklin.	
Freeman Scott, Trichel's Estate, James McConnell,	Bootherian Dramatic Assoc'n, Trichel's Estate, James McConnell,	500 450		Royal. No Insurance.	"
J. P. Reifsnider,	J. P. Reifsnider,	300	100	Mechanics,	"
Geo. Williamson,				No Insurance.	"
Warren & Co., Murphy & Wilson, Mrs. Tur- ney and McCreedy, Joseph Beckley,	Warren & Co., Mr. McCreedy,	120	150	Quaker City, N. Amer'n. No insurance. No insurance.	"
Brown & Co.,	Brown & Co.,	1000			"
Hepburn Est, Hannah Wilcox,	Hannah Wilcox,	400	200	Franklin.	"
Flickwar Est, William Hicks,	Charles Hebbett,	25 400		Green Tree. Fire Association. No insurance.	"
Daniel Thorne,	Daniel Thorne,	150		Franklin.	
Gideon Keyser, Charles Reynolds,	Montgomery & Neall,		175	Royal. No insurance. No insurance.	"
Geo. Fox,	Wm. Barton, J. B. William, Mrs McCormick,	125	200	Bucks County Mutual. American.	"
Patrick Murray, Samuel Zepp,	Patrick Murray,			No insurance.	"
Peter Easterday, Wm. Thomas,	Peter Easterday,			No insurance. No insurance.	"
David Jayne,		50		Franklin.	"
	R. L. & C. L. Nicholas,		550	Royal and Franklin.	"

STATEMENT

DATE. 1857.	LOCATION.	DISTRICT.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	LOSS ON	
					Real Estate	Personal Estate.
Nov'r 2	Wood above Broad street,	3	Feed store, sheds, stock horses, Gears &c.,	Carelessness.	\$ 600	\$2635
" 3	Adams above Jefferson street,	4	Cow stable and two cows,	Incendiarism.	50	100
" 3	Secnd below Spruce street,	1	Loxley Hall,	Incendiarism.	125	
" 3	W. side Schuylkill bel. Market st.	7	Stable,	Incendiarism.	425	100
" 6	Holmesburg,	5	Poor house, barn, stock &c.,	Incendiarism.	800	600
" 7	East side of Eleventh street below Lombard,	1	Dwelling, rubbish in the cellar,	Unknown.		
" 9	North side of Shippen betw. 9th and 10th streets,	1	Hancock Hall, 5 carriages, stock &c.	Incendiarism.	700	1200
" 10	22nd above Chesnut street.	2	Carpenter shop,	Incendiarism.		
" 10	North side of Lombard between Willow and Beach streets,	1	Dwelling, clothing &c.,	Carelessness.	25	50
" 10	22nd below Market street,	2	Sheds and stables,	Incendiarism.	250	50
" 11	Christian st. betw. 6th & 7th sts..	1	Oil factory,	Accidental.		
" 11	Grey's Ferry Road & Darby Road	7	Six frame dwellings,	Incendiarism.	500	
" 12	N. side of German st. bel. 4th,	1	Frame dwellings,	Incendiarism.		
" 12	Tenth and Dauphin streets,	4	Barn, stock &c.,	Incendiarism.	900	350
" 12	Bristol Township,	6	Twenty tons of Hay,	Incendiarism.		360
" 15	East side of 3d ab. Wharton st.,	1	Roof of a Kitchen,	Defective flue.		
" 15	Alarm,	1				
" 15	Chimney,	3				
" 15	Corner 8th and Reed streets,	1	Cow stables,	Incendiarism.	80	
" 16	N. side of Spruce st. near Broad.	2	Dwelling,	Defective flue.		
" 19	York street near Carol,	4	Smoke house,	Accidental.		
" 20	Main street, Holmesburg,	5	Liberty Engine house.	Incendiarism.	250	
" 21	East side of Schuylkill, Water below Lombard,	1	Rubbish in and roof of a building.	Accidental.	100	
" 21	Chimney,	1				
" 22	Rear of Second bel. Dock street.	2	Cabinet maker shop.	Incendiarism.	250	500
" 22	Alarm caused by smoke issuing from a building,	1				
" 22	N. W. cor. 3d & Catharine sts..	1	Grocery store,		350	500
" 23	Germantown Road & Master st.	4	Stables and row of frame buildings.	Incendiarism.	500	1500
" 25	Ridge Road and Wallace street.	4	Roofs of 3 3-story brick dwellings.	Accidental.	300	400
" 25	Township Line Road.	6	Barn, stock &c.,	Incendiarism.	250	275
" 26	Bedford st. bet Hanover & Union	4	Two frame buildings,	Defective flue.	400	
" 26	Franklin Place ab. Chesnut st..	2	Athenian building, machinery, stock &c., Fixtures, tools, and roofs of buildings,	Accident.	9000	21000
" 26	Germantown.	6	Barn, stock &c.,	Incendiarism.	1000	200
" 26	Simes street near 21st.	2				
" 28	East side of 6th ab. Spruce st.,	2	Trimnings store.	Accidental.	500	2500
" 29	Alarm,	1				
" 29	Twelfth above Race street,	3	Church,	Defective flue.		
" 29	Heart Lane.	5	A pile of brush,	Incendiarism.		
" 29	Wood st. ab. Franklin Avenue.	4	Frame dwelling,	Accidental.		
Dec'r 3	19th betw. Lombard & Pine sts.,	1	Carpenter shop,	Incendiarism.	450	350
" 6	Eighth and Fitzwater streets,	1	School house,	Accidental.	4200	300
" 6	Chestnut Hill.	6	Stone mansion,	Incendiarism.	7000	
" 6	212 Dock street.	2	Gold beating establishment, frame [building,	Accidental.	100	200
" 6	Alarm caused by the re-kindling of the above fire,	3				
" 6	Second st. below Spruce,	1	Loxley Hall,	Incendiarism.	50	
" 6	Alarm caused by the re-kindling of fire in Dock street,	2				
" 6	Palmer street Wharf.	4	Shed and brick building.	Incendiarism.	450	50
" 7	Eighth and Market streets,	2	Provision depot, stores, dwellings, roofs, stock, tools and burthen cars.	Spontaneous combustion.	10000	20000

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.—CONTINUED.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Es- tate.	Per- sonal Es- tate.		
E. P. Dunwoody, Benj. Brown, A. J. Baker,	Wm. Crawford, James Craw- ford, John Spear.	600	950	Farmers' and Mechanics' Fire Association.	
J. M. Bennet, Keen & Co.	Keen & Co.	125 425	100 600	Fire Ass'n & Franklin. Lycoming County. Bucks Co. Mutual.	
Emlen Physic,	Dr. Dorsey & Physic estate.			No insurance.	
J. W. Simes & Son,	Mrs. O'Brian. J. W. Simes & Son.	250	50	No insurance. Franklin.	Damage [fling. tri-
Matthew Newkirk,				No insurance.	"
Naglee Building Association,	Wm. McIlwee. William R. Fisher.			No insurance.	"
Mary McLaughlin,				No insurance.	"
Liberty Engine Company,		250		Bucks Co. Mutual.	"
Samuel Moore,				No insurance.	
F. N. Hoover,	F. N. Hoover.	250	500	Quaker City, Phila. F. & L.	
F. J. & P. Campbell, Dr. Janney, & others. H. Clark & others, Dr. Weaver, J. P. Chadwick,	W. R. Gorbuntt. Mark Develin & others. E. Geary & others. Lawrence Smith.	350 300 300	500 250 50	Franklin. Phila. County and others. American. Germantown Mutual. No insurance.	
Wagner & McGnigan & others Geo. W. Carpenter,	Wagner & McGnigan & others James Miller.	9000	7000	Franklin and others. No insurance.	
Wm. Clymer,	Wm. Anderson.	500	1500	Franklin and American.	"
Brown & Allison, City of Philadelphia, McKinley, James Upton,	Brown & Allison. City of Philadelphia. James Upton.	450 3000 7000	350	Franklin. Fire Association. Quaker City, Howard & Fa. No insurance.	"
J. M. Bennett,		50		Franklin.	"
Reaney & Neaffy, Geo. Hough, Davis & Steel, Leeper Estate and others.	Geo. Hough. Davis & Steele and others.	16000	15000	No insurance. Franklin, Green Tree and others.	

STATEMENT

DATE. 1857.	LOCATION.	DISTRICT.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	LOSS ON	
					Real Estate	Personal Estate.
Dec'r 7	Rear of Fitzwater between 5th and 6th streets,	1	Dwelling,	Accidental.	60	
" 7	Germantown,	6	Barn, stock &c.,	Incendiarism.	200	100
" 7	Alarm caused by the re-kindling of the fire at 8th & Market sts.,	2				
" 8	Ridge Road and Buttonwood sts.	3	Dwelling, furniture &c.,	Defective flue.	150	50
" 9	" "	3	" "	"	25	10
" 10	" "	3	" "	"	10	10
" 16	Eleventh above Vine sts.,	3	Stable, stock, and horse,	Accidental.	250	150
" 16	Wharf bel. Christian street,	1	Piles of lumber, stable, sheds and boats,	Incendiarism.	350	500
" 17	Seventh and Marriotts Lane,	1	Lumber yard,	Incendiarism.		200
" 19	Market st. betw. 21st and 22nd,	2	Frame dwellings and stables,	Incendiarism.	250	100
" 23	Passayunk Road and German,	1	Trimnings store,	Accident.		50
" 25	George street below South,	1	Dwelling,	Accident.		
" 26	Second below Dock street,	2	Cabinet maker shop,	Unknown.	100	100
" 28	St. John st. ab. Callowhill,	3	Dwelling,	Accident.		
" 29	Washington st. near Arsenal,	1	Brick shed,	Incendiarism.	50	
" 31	Wissahickon,	6	Cotton factory.	Accident.	300	700

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.—CONTINUED.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Es- tate.	Per- sonal Es- tate.		
Francis Morgan, Geo. W. Carpenter,	James Miller,	60		Franklin. No insurance.	
Wm. C. Miller,	Thos. Carver,	150	50		
"	"	25	10		
"	"	10	10		
Robert Morris,	James Thompson,	250		Franklin.	
Hancock & Co.,	H. B. Pennock and others,			No insurance.	
R. L. & C. L. Nichols,	R. L. & C. L. Nichols,		200	Royal and Franklin.	
James Kooney & Fleming est.	James Kooney.			No insurance.	
	Mrs. O'Brian,			No insurance.	
Fanchet estate,	H. Myer,	100	100	Franklin & Merchants.	Damage [fling. tri-
Webster & Son,	James Lord,	300	700		

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY THE SEVEN DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Loss.	Insurance.	Loss over Insurance.
First Fire District,	\$ 11,790	\$ 6,360	\$ 5,430
Second do	108,800	86,625	22,175
Third do	6,393	2,855	3,535
Fourth do	7,954	2,720	5,225
Fifth do	2,600	1,375	1,225
Sixth do	13,315	7,450	5,865
Seventh do	2,825	1,525	1,300
Total, - -	\$153,665	\$108,910	\$44,755

RECAPITULATION.

MONTHS.	FIRES.								Department in service.	Depart't called out.	General Alarms.	False Alarms.	Loss on Real Estate.	Loss on Personal Estate.	Total Loss.	Insurance on Real Estate.	Insurance on Personal Estate.	Total Insurance.	Loss on Real Estate over Insurance.	Loss on Personal Estate over Insurance.	Total Loss Insurance.
	1st District.	2d District.	3d District.	4th District.	5th District.	6th District.	7th District.	Total.													
1857.																					
Oct'r,	11	8	5	8	2	4	3	41	3	1	45	39	\$12,950	\$38,300	\$51,250	\$6,970	\$34,775	\$41,745	\$5,980	\$3,525	\$9,505
Nov.,	11	7	2	8	3	4	2	37	3	2	43	31	17,355	33,245	50,600	12,350	12,000	24,350	5,005	21,245	26,250
Dec.,	9	5	5	1	0	2	0	22	3	0	24	22	29,645	22,170	51,815	27,095	15,720	42,815	2,550	6,450	9,000
Total,	31	20	12	17	5	10	5	100	9	3	112	92	59,950	93,715	153,665	46,415	62,495	108,910	13,535	31,220	44,755

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To the Honorable the Members of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Agreeably to the 16th section of the supplement to an ordinance, approved January 30, 1855, entitled “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the fires that I have attended during the quarter ending December 31., 1857, and with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours respectfully

SAMUEL P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me this Thirty-first day of December, A.D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,

Alderman.

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Octbr. 2	S W. cor. of Eleventh and Pleasant,	3	Present.
“ 2	No. 1704 Walnut sts.,	2	“
“ 3	East side of Second bel. Chesnut st.	2	Out.
“ 5	Richmond Lane and Brown st.,	4	“
“ 6	Bank below Market,	2	Out of City.
“ 7	Emeline St. above Eighth,	1	Present.
“ 7	Bedford St, above Sixth,	1	“
“ 8	Frankford Road and Linden st.,	4	“
“ 10	Swanson st. below Queen st.,	1	Present.
“ 10	N. E. cor. of Nicholson and Haines,	2	“
“ 10	School House Lane,	6	Out.
“ 11	Vine st. between 22d. and 23d st.,	3	No alarm.
“ 12	Ninth and Washington sts.,	1	Present.
“ 14	Rachel st. ab. Brown,	4	“
“ 14	Rear of Race st. below Third,	2	“
“ 14	Lehigh Avenue Wharf Delaware,	4	Out.
“ 15	Linden st., bet. Front a. Frankf'd R.	4	“
“ 16	Rear of 2441 Callowhill st.,	3	Present.
“ 17	Rear of Callowhill above Nineteenth,	3	“
“ 17	Frankford Road ab. Franklin Av.,	4	Out.

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Octob. 17	Alarm, caused by a fire in Camden,	2	Out.
" 17	North side of Race, bel. 4th, Chimney,	3	"
" 18	On the Schuylkill near 35th st.,	7	Present.
" 19	Bedford st. below Eight st.,	1	"
" 20	N. side of Spruce st. bet. 11th & 12th.	2	"
" 20	Sixth st. near Lombard,	1	At above fire
" 22	East side of Tenth below Chesnut,	2	No alarm.
" 23	Venango st. near Sixth,	5	Out.
" 23	West Chester Road and Grey's Lane,	7	"
" 25	Market st. bel. Mary,	7	No alarm.
" 35	S. E. cor. of Eleventh and Barley,	1	Present.
" 25	Twelfth bel. Washington st.,	1	"
" 25	Main st. bel. Washington,	6	At above fire
" 25	West side of Logan sq. bel. Vine st.,	3	Present.
" 25	Christian st. bet. 9th and 10th sts.,	1	At above fire
" 26	Holmesburg,	5	No alarm but out
" 26	Marshall st. bet. Poplar a. Girard Av.	4	Out.
" 27	West side ab. Somerset st.,	4	"
" 27	Armat st. below Main, Germantown,	6	"
" 30	Second st. below Reed,	1	"
" 30	Alarm,	1	"
" 30	Jefferson Avenue and Mifflin st.,	1	No alarm.
" 30	Rittenhouse st. near Main,	6	"
" 31	Alarm,	3	Out.
" 31	Chesnut st. bet. 6th and 7th sts.,	2	"
Novbr. 1	Germantown Road and Heart Lane,	6	No alarm.
" 1	Beach st. above Poplar,	4	"
" 2	Seventh and Mariott's Lane,	1	Present.
" 2	Wood st. above Broad,	3	"
" 3	Adams ab. Jefferson st.,	4	Out.
" 3	Second st. below Spruce st.,	1	Present.
" 3	West side of Schuylkill bel. Market st.	7	"
" 6	Holmesburg,	5	No alarm.
" 7	Eleventh st. bel. Lombard,	1	Present.
" 9	N. side of Shippen st. bet. 9th and 10.	1	"
" 10	Twenty-second above Chesnut,	2	"
" 10	N. side of Lomb'd bet. Willow & Beach,	1	"
" 10	Twenty-second below Market st.,	2	"
" 11	Christian st. bet. 6th and 7th st.,	1	"
" 11	Greys Ferry Road and Darby Road,	7	Out.
" 12	German st. below Fourth,	1	No alarm.
" 12	Tenth and Dauphin sts.,	4	Present.

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Novbr. 12	Bristol Township,	6	No alarm.
" 15	East side of Third ab. Wharton,	1	Out.
" 15	Alarm,	1	"
" 15	Chimney,	3	"
" 15	Cor. of Eighth and Reed st.,	1	Present.
" 16	N. side of Spruce st. near Broad,	2	No alarm.
" 19	York and Carrol,	4	Out.
" 20	Holmesburg,	5	No alarm.
" 21	E. side of Schl. Water bel. Lombard,	1	Present.
" 21	Chimney,	1	"
" 22	Rear of Second bel. Dock st.,	2	"
" 22	Alarm,	1	Out.
" 22	N. W. cor. of Third and Catharine sts.	1	Present.
" 23	Germantown Road and Master st.,	4	Out.
" 25	Ridge Road and Wallace st.,	4	Sickness.
" 25	Township Line Road,	6	"
" 26	Bedford st. bet. Hanover and Union,	4	"
" 26	Franklin Place ab. Chesnut,	2	Present.
" 26	Germantown,	6	No alarm.
" 26	Simcs st. near Twenty-first,	2	Present.
" 28	East side of Sixth ab. Spruce st.,	2	"
" 28	Alarm,	1	Out.
" 29	Twelfth ab. Race st.,	3	Present.
" 29	Heart Lane,	5	Out.
" 29	Wood ab. Franklin avenue,	4	"
Decbr. 3	Nineteenth bet. Lombard and Pine,	1	Present.
" 6	Eighth and Fitzwater sts.,	1	"
" 6	Chesnuthill,	6	No alarm.
" 6	212 Dock st.,	2	At 8th st. fire
" 6	Alarm,	2	Out.
" 6	Second bel. Spruce st.,	1	Present.
" 6	Alarm,	2	Out.
" 6	Palmer st. Wharf,	4	"
" 7	Eighth and Market sts.,	2	Present.
" 7	Germantown,	6	No alarm.
" 7	Fitzwater bel. Sixth st.,	1	Present.
" 8	Ridge Road above Buttonwood,	3	"
" 9	Ridge Road above Buttonwood,	3	"
" 10	Ridge Road above Buttonwood,	3	No alarm.
" 16	Eleventh above Vine,	3	"
" 16	Wharf below Christian st.,	1	"
" 17	Seventh and Marriott's Lane,	1	"

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Decbr. 19	Market st. bet. 21st and 22d sts.,	2	No alarm.
" 21	Race ab. Eleventh st.,	2	"
" 23	Passayunk Road near German,	1	"
" 23	Hanover st. near West,	4	Out.
" 25	S. E. cor. of George and South st.,	1	Present.
" 26	Second below Dock,	2	"
" 28	St. John above Callowhill,	3	Out.
" 29	Washington street near Arsenal,	1	Present.
" 31	Wissahickon,	6	No alarm.

(No. 2.)

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select and
Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Agreeably to the Sixteenth Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies, a list of the fires that I have attended during the quarter ending December 31, 1857, also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, respectfully,

W. E. STANCLIFF,

Engineer of the First Fire Division of Phila. Fire Departm't

Sworn and subscribed before me this twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,

Alderman.

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
October 2	S. W. cor. of Eleventh and Pleasant,	3	Out.
" 2	No. 1704 Walnut street,	2	Present.
" 3	East side of Second, bel. Chesnut,	2	"
" 5	Richmond Lane and Brown streets,	4	"
" 6	Bank, below Market street,	2	"
" 7	Emeline street, above Eighth,	1	Out.
" 7	Bedford street, above Sixth,	1	Present.
" 8	Frankford Road and Linden street,	4	Out.
" 10	Swanson, below Queen street,	1	Present.
" 10	N. E. cor. Nicholson and Haines Sts.,	2	"
" 10	School House Lane,	6	Out.
" 11	Vine street, bet. 22d and 23d Sts.,	3	Present.
" 12	Ninth and Washington streets,	1	"
" 14	Rachel street, above Brown,	4	"
" 14	Rear of Race street, bel. Third,	2	"
" 14	Lehigh Avenue Wharf, Delaware,	4	"
" 15	Linden st., bet. Front & Frank'd Rd.,	4	Out.
" 16	Rear of 2441 Callowhill street,	3	Present.
" 17	Rear of Callowhill, above 19th,	3	"
" 17	Frankford Road, ab. Franklin Av.,	4	Out.
" 17	Alarm caused by a fire in Camden,	2	"
" 17	N. side of Race st., bel. 4th, chimney,	3	"
" 18	On the Schuylkill, near 35th street,	7	"
" 19	Bedford street, below Eighth,	1	No Alarm.
" 20	N. side Spruce st., bet. 11th and 12th,	2	Present.
" 20	Sixth, bel. Lombard street,	1	"
" 22	East side of Tenth, bel. Chesnut,	2	No Alarm.
" 23	Venango street, near Sixth,	5	Out.
" 23	West Chester Road and Grey's Lane,	7	"
" 25	Market, below Mary,	7	No Alarm.
" 25	S. E. cor. of Eleventh and Barley,	1	Present.
" 25	Twelfth, below Washington,	1	"
" 25	Main street, below Washington,	6	No Alarm.
" 25	W. side Logan Sq., bel. Vine St.,	3	Out.
" 25	Christian St., bet. 9th and 10th Sts.,	1	"
" 26	Holmesburg,	5	No Alarm.
" 26	Marshall, bet. Poplar and Girard Av.,	4	"
" 27	West street, ab. Somerset street,	4	Out.
" 27	Armat, bel. Main, Germantown,	6	No Alarm.
" 30	Second street, below Reed,	1	Present.
" 30	Alarm,	1	Out.
" 30	Jefferson Avenue and Mifflin St.,	1	Present.

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Oct'r 30	Rittenhouse, near Main,	6	No Alarm.
" 31	Alarm,	3	Out.
" 31	Chesnut street, bet. 6th and 7th Sts.,	2	Present.
Nov'r 1	Germantown Road and Heart Lane,	6	No Alarm.
" 1	Beach street, above Poplar,	4	Out.
" 2	Seventh and Marriott's Lane,	1	Present.
" 2	Wood street, above Broad,	3	"
" 3	Adams, above Jefferson,	4	Out.
" 3	Second, below Spruce street,	1	Present.
" 3	West side of Schuylkill, bel. Market,	7	"
" 6	Holmesburg,	5	No Alarm.
" 7	Eleventh st., below Lombard,	1	Present.
" 9	N. side Shippen, bet. 9th and 10th,	1	"
" 10	Twenty-second, above Chesnut,	2	No Alarm.
" 10	N. side Lombard bet. Willow & Beach,	1	"
" 10	Twenty-second, bel. Market street,	2	Out.
" 11	Christian street, bet. 6th and 7th,	1	Present.
" 11	Grey's Ferry Road and Darby Road,	7	"
" 12	German street, below Fourth,	1	"
" 12	Tenth and Dauphin streets,	4	Out.
" 12	Bristol Township,	6	No Alarm.
" 15	East side of Third, above Wharton,	1	Present.
" 15	Alarm,	1	Out.
" 15	Chimney,	3	No Alarm.
" 15	Cor. of Eighth and Reed streets,	1	Present.
" 16	N. side of Spruce street, near Broad,	2	No Alarm.
" 19	York street, near Carrol,	4	Out.
" 20	Holmesburg,	5	No Alarm.
" 21	E side Schuy'l Water, bel. Lombard,	1	Out.
" 21	Chimney,	1	Present.
" 22	Rear of Second, below Dock,	2	Out.
" 22	Alarm,	1	"
" 22	N. W. cor. Third and Catharine sts.,	1	Present.
" 23	Germantown Road and Master,	4	Sickness.
" 25	Ridge Road and Wallace street,	4	"
" 25	Township Line Road,	6	"
" 26	Bedford st., bet. Hanover and Union,	4	"
" 26	Franklin Place, above Chesnut,	2	"
" 26	Germantown,	6	"
" 26	Simes street, near Twenty-first,	2	"
" 28	East side of Sixth, above Spruce,	2	"
" 28	Alarm,	1	"

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Nov'r 29	Twelfth, above Race street,	3	Sickness.
" 29	Heart Lane,	5	"
" 29	Wood, above Franklin Avenue,	4	"
Dec'r 3	Nineteenth, bet. Lombard and Pine,	1	"
" 6	Eighth and Fitzwater streets,	1	"
" 6	Chesnut Hill,	6	"
" 6	212 Dock street,	2	"
" 6	Alarm,	2	"
" 6	Second, below Spruce street,	1	"
" 6	Alarm,	2	"
" 6	Palmer street Wharf,	4	"
" 7	Eighth and Market streets,	2	"
" 7	Germantown,	6	"
" 7	Fitzwater street, below 6th street,	1	"
" 7	Alarm,	2	"
" 8	Ridge Road, above Buttonwood,	3	"
" 9	Ridge Road, above Buttonwood,	3	"
" 10	Ridge Road, above Buttonwood,	3	"
" 16	Eleventh, above Vine street,	3	"
" 16	Wharf, below Christian street,	1	Present.
" 17	Seventh street and Marriott's Lane,	1	"
" 19	Market st., bet. 21st and 22d sts.,	2	"
" 21	Race, above Eleventh,	2	No Alarm.
" 23	Passayunk Road, near German,	1	Present.
" 23	Hanover street, near West,	4	Out.
" 25	S. E. cor. of George and South sts.,	1	Present.
" 26	Second, below Dock,	2	"
" 28	St. John, above Callowhill,	3	"
" 29	Washington street, near Arsenal,	1	Out.
" 31	Wissahickon,	6	No Alarm.

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GENTLEMEN :—Agreeably to the 16th section of the Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 30, 1855, entitled “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the fires that I have attended during the quarter ending December 31, 1857, and with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, respectfully,
D. M. LYLE,
Engineer of the Second Fire Division.

Sworn and subscribed before me this Thirty-first day of December, 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Octob. 2	S. W. cor. of Eleventh and Pleasant,	3	Present.
“ 2	No 1704 Walnut st.,	2	“
“ 3	East side of Second bel. Chesnut,	2	“
“ 5	Richmond Lane and Brown sts.,	4	“
“ 6	Bank bel. Market st.,	2	“
“ 7	Emeline st. above Eighth,	1	“
“ 7	Bedford st. above Sixth,	1	“
“ 8	Frankford Road and Linden st.,	4	“
“ 10	Swanson below Queen st.,	1	“
“ 10	N. E. cor. of Nicholson & Haines sts.,	2	“
“ 10	School House Lane,	6	Out.
“ 11	Vine st between 22d and 23d sts.,	3	Present.
“ 12	Ninth and Washington sts.,	1	“
“ 14	Rachel st. above Brown,	4	“
“ 14	Rear of Race st. below Third,	2	“
“ 14	Lehigh Avenue Wharf Delaware,	4	“
“ 15	Linden st. bet. Front & Frank’d Road.	4	“
“ 16	Rear of 2441 Callowhill st.,	3	“
“ 17	Rear of Callowhill ab. 19th st.,	3	“

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Octob. 17	Frankford Road ab. Franklin avenue,	4	Present.
" 17	Alarm, caused by a fire in Camden,	2	Out and Present.
" 17	N. side of Race st. bel. 4th., Chimney,	3	At the above fire.
" 18	On the Schuylkill near 35th,	7	"
" 19	Bedford st. below 8th st.,	1	Out of City.
" 20	N. side of Spruce st. bet. 11th & 12th,	2	"
" 20	Sixth below Lombard st.,	1	"
" 22	East side of Tenth bel. Chesnut,	2	Present.
" 23	Venango st. near Sixth,	5	"
" 23	West Chester Road and Grey's Lane,	7	"
" 25	Market st. bel. Mary,	7	No alarm.
" 25	S. E. corner of Eleventh and Barley,	1	Present.
" 25	Twelfth below Washington,	1	"
" 25	Main st. below Washington,	6	Out at ab. fire
" 25	W. side of Logan sq. below Vine st.,	3	Present.
" 25	Christian st. bel. 10th,	1	At the above fire.
" 26	Holmesburg,	5	No alarm.
" 26	Marshall st. bet. Poplar & Girard Av.,	4	Present.
" 27	West st. above Somerset st.,	4	"
" 27	Armat st. bel. Main, Germantown,	6	Out.
" 30	Second st. below Reed,	1	No alarm.
" 30	Alarm,	1	Out.
" 30	Jefferson Avenue and Mifflin st.,	1	No alarm.
" 30	Rittenhouse near Main, Germantown,	6	Out.
" 31	Alarm,	3	"
" 31	Chesnut st. bet. 6th and 7th st.,	2	Present.
Novbr. 1	Germantown Road near Heart Lane,	6	Out.
" 1	Beach st., above Poplar st.,	4	"
" 2	Seventh and Marriott's Lane,	1	Present.
" 2	Wood st. above Broad,	3	"
" 3	Adams above Jefferson st.,	4	"
" 3	Second st. bel. Spruce,	1	"
" 3	W. side of Schuylkill below Market,	7	"
" 6	Holmesburg,	5	No alarm.
" 7	Eleventh st. bel. Lombard,	1	Out of City.
" 9	N. side of Shippen bet. 9th and 10th,	1	"
" 10	22d above Chesnut,	2	"
" 10	N. side of Lomb'd bet. Willow & Beach,	1	"
" 10	22d below Market st.,	2	Present.
" 11	Christian st. bet. 6th and 7th,	1	"
" 11	Grey's Ferry Road and Darby Road,	7	No alarm.

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Nov'r. 12	German st. below 4th,	1	No alarm.
" 12	Tenth and Dauphin st.,	4	Present.
" 12	Bristol Township,	6	No alarm.
" 15	East side of Third above Wharton,	1	"
" 15	Alarm,	1	Out.
" 15	Chimney,	3	Present.
" 15	Corner of 8th and Reed sts.,	1	"
" 16	N. side of Spruce st. near Broad,	2	No alarm.
" 19	York st. near Carrol,	4	Present.
" 20	Holmesburg,	5	No alarm.
" 21	E. side of Sch'l. Water bel. Lombard,	1	Present.
" 21	Chimney,	1	"
" 22	Rear of Second below Dock st.,	2	"
" 22	Alarm,	1	Out.
" 22	N. W. cor. of Third & Catharine sts.,	1	"
" 23	Germantown Road and Master sts.,	4	Present.
" 25	Ridge Road and Wallace st.,	4	"
" 25	Township Line Road,	6	No alarm.
" 26	Bedford st. bet. Hanover and Union,	4	Present.
" 26	Franklin Place above Chesnut,	2	"
" 26	Germantown,	6	No alarm.
" 26	Simcs st. near 21st st.,	2	Present.
" 28	East side of Sixth above Spruce,	2	"
" 28	Alarm,	1	Out.
" 29	Twelfth ab. Race st.,	3	Present.
" 29	Heart Lane,	5	"
" 29	Wood ab. Franklin Avenue,	4	At the above fire.
Dec'r. 3	Nineteenth bet. Lombard and Pine,	2	Present.
" 6	Eighth and Fitzwater sts.,	1	"
" 6	Chesnuthill,	6	No alarm.
" 6	212 Dock st.,	2	Pres. at ab. fire.
" 6	Alarm,	2	Present.
" 6	Second below Spruce st.,	1	"
" 6	Alarm,	2	"
" 6	Palmer st. Wharf,	4	"
" 7	Eighth and Market st.,	2	"
" 7	Germantown,	6	No alarm.
" 7	Fitzwater st. bet. Sixth and Seventh,	1	Present.
" 7	Alarm,	2	"
" 8	Ridge Road bel. Buttonwood,	3	"
" 9	Ridge Road bel. Buttonwood,	3	"

DATE.	LOCATION.	Dis	REMARKS.
1857.			
Dec'r. 10	Ridge Road bel. Buttonwood,	3	Present.
" 16	Eleventh ab Vine st.,	3	"
" 16	Wharf below Christian st.,	1	"
" 17	Seventh and Marriott's Lane,	1	"
" 19	Market st. bet. 21st and 22d sts.,	2	"
" 21	Race ab. Eleventh st.,	2	Out.
" 23	Passayunk Road near German st.,	1	No alarm.
" 23	Hanover st. near West.,	4	Present.
" 25	S. E. cor. George and South sts.,	1	Out.
" 26	Second below Dock st.,	2	Present.
" 28	St. John ab Callowhill,	3	"
" 29	Washington st., near Arsenal,	1	"

(4.)

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select
and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Agreeably to the Sixteenth Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies, a list of the fires I have attended during the quarter ending December 31, 1857, also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, respectfully,

W. H. LOUGHEAD,

Engineer of the Third Fire Division.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,

Alderman.

DATE.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.		
October 3	Sellers and Frankford streets,	No Alarm.
" 5	Richmond Lane and Brown street,	Out.
" 10	Haines street,	Present.
" 23	Venango street, near Sixth,	Out.
" 26	Holmesburg,	"
Nov'r 6	Holmesburg,	Present.
" 12	Tenth and Dauphin,	"
" 20	Holmesburg,	No Alarm.
" 25	Germantown,	Out.
" 26	Germantown,	"
" 29	Heart Lane,	Present.
Dec'r 15	Wheat Sheaf Lane,	"
" 16	Wharf, below Christian street,	Out.

(5.)

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Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Agreeably to the Sixteenth Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies, a list of the fires I have attended during the quarter ending December 31, 1857, also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, respectfully,

MICHAEL YOUNG,

Engineer of the Fourth Fire Division.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,

Alderman.

DATE.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.		
Oct'r 10	School House Lane,	Present.
" 23	Venango and Sixth streets,	"
" 25	Main, below Washington,	"
" 27	Armat street,	"
" 30	Rittenhouse street,	"
Nov'r 1	Germantown road and Heart Lane,	"
" 12	Tenth and Dauphin streets,	"
" 12	Bristol Township,	"
" 25	Township Line road,	"
" 26	Germantown,	"
Dec'r 6	Chesnut Hill,	"
" 7	Germantown,	"
" 31	Wissahickon,	"

(6.)

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select and
Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the Sixteenth Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies, a list of the fires I have attended during the quarter ending December 31, 1857, also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN GIVEN,

Engineer of the Fifth Fire Division.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.		
October 2	Eleventh and Pleasant,	Present.
" 2	No. 1704 Walnut street,	"
" 7	Bank, below Market,	Out.
" 14	Lehigh Avenue Wharf,	"
" 17	Alarm,	"
" 17	Chimney,	"
" 17	On Schuylkill, near Thirty-fifth,	Present.
" 20	Spruce, below Twelfth,	"
" 23	Grey's Lane,	"
" 25	Eleventh and Barley,	"
" 25	Twelfth and Washington,	"
" 30	Alarm,	Out.
Nov'r 2	Broad and Wood,	Present.
" 3	West side of Schuylkill,	"
" 11	Grey's Ferry,	"
" 12	Tenth and Dauphin,	Out.
" 26	Barker street,	Present.
Dec'r 3	19th st., bet. Lombard and Pine,	"
" 7	Market and Eighth streets,	"
" 8	Alarm,	Out.
" 16	Wharf, bel. Christian street,	"

APPENDIX No. 76.

Read in place, by Mr. ALEXANDER, Jan. 7, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

For the further extension of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works be, and they are hereby authorized to receive in trust, under sufficient covenants and deeds of conveyance securing the reversionary rights and interests of the parties to said deeds

the works, pipes and meters, and all other property, both real and personal, used for making, storing, distributing, and selling gas belonging to any or all of the several Gas Companies hereinafter named, who shall consent to convey and transfer the same in such manner that, upon the fulfillment of all the terms and conditions of said trust, the property conveyed in trust may become vested absolutely, in the City of Philadelphia, clear of all incumbrances or liabilities, other than any rent-charge in the nature of ground rent, to which said real estate is now subject. And provided further, that said conveyances shall be effected without the issue of any bonds or other obligations in the nature of a bond whereby the City Corporation, or its property, or the Gas Works and property now held by the said Trustees, may be involved in any debt or liability on account of said conveyances.

SECT. 2. An assessed valuation shall be affixed in said deeds of conveyance to said works, and other property which shall not be greater than the sums following, with such additions as will fairly represent the proper cost of any pipes or other apparatus that may have been added to said works since the first day of January, A. D. 1857 :

The Germantown Gas Company,	-	-	\$85,000
The Richmond Gas Company,	-	-	16,500
The Kensington Gas Company,	-	-	90,000
The Northern Liberties Gas Company,	-	-	360,000
The Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Co.,			109,000
The Manayunk Gas Company,	-	-	65,000

\$725,500

SECT. 3. In order to provide for the payment of any moneys made payable by and under the said deeds of trust, the Trustees of the Gas Works are hereby authorized to set apart out of the proceeds of the sales of gas semi-annually, on the first of January and July, a sum equal to four per cent. on the aforesaid assessed values, and to apply the same to pay the interest thereon, and further, to the accumulation of a sinking

fund for the liquidation of the principal, at such period as may be designated in said deeds of trust. The said sinking fund to be kept separate and distinct from the sinking fund heretofore authorized, and to be invested and secured in such manner, and devoted to such uses, beneficial to the grantors, as may be agreed on and directed in said deeds.

SECT. 4. Upon taking possession of the works, pipes, &c., conveyed under authority of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Gas Works to make a detailed report to Councils of the property, real and personal, so conveyed, and its assessed value; and the said Trustees shall have, with respect to said works, pipes, &c., the same powers and authority in all respects as they now have or hereafter may have, with respect to the works already intrusted to their care.

SECT. 5. For the purpose of enabling the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works to carry out the various trusts confided to them by ordinances of Councils, and to increase, extend, locate and improve, in the most economical manner, the pipes, meters and works under their care, so as to meet the increasing wants of the citizens for gas-light, the said Trustees are hereby authorized and required so to regulate the price of gas, and the several products of its manufacture, as may from time to time be necessary; the said price of Gas to be the same in all the wards of the City supplied by the Gas Works under the control of the Trustees. *Provided*, That the said Trustees shall not be required to make more extensions or additions than the contingent fund raised out of the net earnings of the works will pay for, nor in any one year to a greater extent than five per cent. of the existing pipes and meters.

SECT. 6. Anything in any other ordinance contrary to this ordinance, is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 77.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the construction of Branch Culverts or Drains.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain :

That hereafter all applications for the construction of branch culverts or drains, not exceeding three feet in diameter, shall be made to the Department of Surveys.

That every application for the construction of branch culverts or drains as aforesaid, shall be signed by a majority of the owners of property fronting upon the proposed line thereof, and shall contain a statement of the number of feet of frontage thereon owned by each signer, together with a list of all the owners of property along the line thereof, and a statement of the frontage of their several properties thereon.

SECT. 2. Whenever the Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall certify to the Highway Department, that the Board of Surveyors have authorized the construction of a branch culvert or drain, not to exceed three feet in diameter, it shall be the duty of the said Highway Department to advertise three times in two daily newspapers, inviting proposals for the construction of such branch culvert or drain, in accordance with plans and specifications to be furnished by the Department of Surveys. And the said Highway Department shall allot such contract to the lowest and best bidder, who will give the requisite security for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECT. 3. Upon the commencement of any branch culvert or drain under the provisions of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Surveyor and Regulator of the District in which said proposed culvert may lie, to return to the Department of Surveys, within ten days after notice, a plan exhibiting the properties fronting

on said branch culvert or drain, with the names of the owners thereof, and also bills in duplicate made out against each owner, in accordance with the eighth section of Supplement to Act of Consolidation, approved 21st April, 1855, in same form as specified in section 1 of "Ordinance to provide for the payment of expenses incurred in laying pipes for the conveyance of water &c., approved 29th January, 1855," and Supplement, approved May 10th, 1855, except that the amount thereof shall be made payable at the office of the Department of Highways; the said bills shall be recorded and certified to by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and sent to the Chief Commissioner of Highways; the Surveyor and Regulator to be entitled to the same charge as specified in schedule of rates for making returns of water pipe, to be paid by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and charged to the cost of branch culvert construction.

SECT. 4. It shall be a condition of the contracts executed under the provisions of this ordinance, that the contractor shall accept assessment bills prepared under the foregoing section of this ordinance, and endorsed by the Chief Commissioner of Highways in favor of said contractor, as so much cash paid by the City on the said contract, and that he shall collect the same at his own cost, without recourse to the City in any event; and the better to enable him so to do, he may use the name of the City of Philadelphia, and employ all legal remedies or proceedings, whether of lien or otherwise, to which the City may be competent; the contractor to be responsible for the liens and levels which he shall obtain from the Surveyor and Regulator of the District.

SECT. 5. Should any of the bills of culvert assessment, so prepared against the owners of property upon said branch culvert or drain, remain in the possession of the City after the contract shall have been completed and paid for, then, and in that case, the Supervisor, in whose bounds the branch culvert or drain is situate, shall within ten days after such completion, deliver the said bills to the owner or owners against

whom such bills are made out, or if such owner or owners cannot be found, shall place or cause the same to be placed upon the premises, with the date of delivery marked thereon, and if the same shall not be paid within thirty days from the date of delivery as aforesaid, the duplicates shall have noted thereon the date of their delivery, and shall be returned to the Department of Surveys within five days thereafter, whereupon the said Department of Surveys shall within ten days, have prepared a full description, by meter and bounds, of each property whose owner or owners have not paid the amount charged against him or them, and deliver the same with said bill to the City Solicitor, who shall forthwith file claims for and proceed to collect the same as is now practised and allowed by law.

SECT. 6. Should the amount of the bills of assessment for the frontage on any branch culvert or drain, constructed under this ordinance, be insufficient to meet the requirements of the contract, it shall be the duty of the Chief Commissioner of Highways to pay the balance with a warrant drawn upon the City Treasurer, charged to such item of appropriation made to the Department of Highways, as may be for such purposes intended under the supervision of the Committee on Highways.

SECT. 7. All persons owning property upon the line of any branch culvert or drain, who have paid the culvert rate as assessed under this ordinance, and may make application for a culvert connection for private drainage, shall not be subjected to the fee for making an opening into said branch culvert or drain, as specified in "Ordinance providing for the granting of Permits to make openings into the Common Sewers," approved May 3d, 1855, and the Supplement thereto.

SECT. 8. In cases where circumstances make it necessary that a branch culvert or drain should be constructed, and where a majority of the owners are not in favor of the construction of the same, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, upon the recommendation of the Board of Sur-

veys, may authorize the construction thereof by ordinance or resolution ; and whenever the construction of a branch culvert or drain shall be so authorized, the same shall be constructed and built by the Department of Highways as hereinbefore provided.

APPENDIX No. 78.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER, }
Philadelphia, Jan'y 11th, 1858. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Assembly, consolidating the City of Philadelphia, I have the honor herewith, to present the annual statement of the fiscal affairs of the City for the year ending December 31st, 1857.

Although the year just closed exhibits a manifest improvement in the financial concerns of the City over any other year since consolidation, there is still, in my judgment, some reforms which might be beneficially introduced, which would materially increase the receipts and reduce the expenses, and thus lessen the burthen of taxation. I therefore embrace the occasion to present to Councils such points of reform as observation and experience have suggested to my mind.

Before touching on these points, however, I desire to show that the City expenses for the year 1857 have been much less than in either of the years preceding. The following statement collated with much labor from the books of this department, will fully exemplify this fact. It is proper to remark, however, that a large portion of the expenses of 1854 was paid by the old City and Districts, and, therefore, the statement for that year here presented, only includes the amount audited by the City Controller after the organization of the consolidated City.

The comparison of the several years stands as follows :

1854.					
Expenses under appropriations made in 1854,	-	-	-	\$2,006,076	42
Do do 1855, to pay bills of '54,				715,184	04
Do do 1856, do do				17,386	46
Do do 1857, do do				3,740	78
Total expenses of 1854,				\$2,742,387	70
1855.					
Expenses under appropriations made in 1855,	-	-	-	\$4,172,782	50
Do do 1856, to pay bills of '55,				237,153	72
Do do 1857, do do				7,970	04
Total expenses of 1855,				\$4,417,906	25
1856.					
Expenses under appropriations made in 1856,	-	-	-	\$4,087,821	43
Do do 1857, to pay bills of '56,				120,685	50
Total expenses of 1856,				\$4,208,506	93
1857.					
Expenses under appropriations made in 1857,	-	-	-	\$3,877,015	17

The foregoing statements present a gratifying diminution of the public expenses, but I am satisfied that a still greater relative reduction could be made, if the degree of accountability imposed on the head of each department were made more definite, and its enforcement more certain. Whilst therefore the present City government in the retrenchments already made has much cause for felicitation, it should not forget that those who are to succeed to the administration of affairs, will not fail to institute equally rigorous comparisons between the expenses of the present and subsequent years; and that the public mind will be influenced as that comparison is, favorable or otherwise.

It would have afforded me much pleasure to have presented the preceding statement in detail as against the several Departments, and as against the various branches of each Department; but the want of uniformity in making the appropriations—those for 1854 and 1855, blending the expenses of each Department, and those for 1856 varying materially in the arrangement and classification of the items from those of 1857, precludes the possibility of any separate and satisfactory detail. The only class of expenditures which can

be distinctly detached from all others, is that which includes stationery, printing and publishing. On these accounts (for the details of which I refer to Statement No. 15,) the comparison will stand as follows: 1855, \$ 214,462,14; 1856, \$ 117,957,83; 1857, \$ 89,402,91. In the expenditure for these objects in 1858 I fully anticipate a still greater reduction, for it is my firm conviction that \$ 50,000 is a sum ample for all the needful requirements of the City under these heads.

It is worthy of mention, (and I deem it proper to say that the fact is established beyond all controversy,) that much of the saving exhibited in these statements is attributable to the system of itemizing the various appropriations, and assigning to each object its specific amount. I would earnestly recommend that the system be adhered to.

It frequently happens that Councils in making special appropriations to pay bills, or meet claims against the City, blend very dissimilar matter, and sometimes require the head of a Department, to which such bill or claim has no relation, to draw the warrant for its payment. I am aware that this course is adopted to save the expense of recording and advertising single ordinances; but I would respectfully submit that the saving thus effected is more than counterbalanced by relieving the proper Department from its full share of the responsibility of its own expenditure by diminishing that emulative incitement which should impel each branch of the government to excel the others in habits of economy, and by complicating and confusing the accounts of the City, which would otherwise be plain and regular.

It is implied by existing laws that attested copies of all contracts made by the City shall be filed in the office of the City Controller, so as to enable that officer to examine and decide understandingly as to the validity of any claim under such contract. This was doubtless the intention of the Act creating this department. But as very few of the many contracts entered into are so filed, I consider the subject of sufficient importance to bring it to the attention of Councils, so

that provision may be made for the enforcement of a measure so essential to the interests of the City.

The first section of "An Ordinance to provide for the auditing of claims against the City," &c., approved February 28, 1856, requires that all bills shall be presented to the City Controller, to be audited and approved by him before warrants shall be issued for their payment. I regret to say that this most salutary provision is too frequently disregarded; and I feel called upon to express a hope that such legislation will be had upon the subject as will enable the City Controller to enforce a strict compliance therewith.

It is known to Councils, that during times when the City Treasurer has been unable to meet warrants as presented, many suits have been instituted against the City for the recovery of claims. It has frequently happened that suits have been brought and judgments obtained before Aldermen upon claims which have never been submitted for audit, and upon warrants that have not been countersigned by the City Controller; and sometimes it has happened that judgment has been obtained upon claims disallowed by this Department. Upon these judgments, and such as are obtained before the courts, executions and writs of mandamus are issued, and the City Treasurer is obliged to pay the amount. Whether the City can be protected against these doubtful and often illegal claims, by imposing additional responsibilities on the heads of the several Departments, or otherwise, is, in my judgment, worthy the serious attention of Councils.

The Act of Assembly, approved May 13, 1856, requires the Prothonotaries of the several courts to pay to the Sheriff the amount collected by them on City account, and directs that officer to account for such receipts in the settlement of his accounts with the City. I would recommend that these and all other officers, including the Sheriff, be required to pay to the City Treasurer direct, all moneys received by them, and have their full claims audited without these deductions, and paid on warrants regularly drawn, in the same manner as other claims against the City are audited

and paid. I do not suggest this alteration because of any unfairness or improper charges in the bills of the Sheriff or Prothonotaries, but solely with a view of placing them on an equality with all other receivers of the public money, and that their accounts with this Department may be simplified and more readily understood.

The Act of Consolidation imposes upon the City Controller all the duties and responsibilities, and invests him with all the powers and immunities previously imposed upon and invested with the County Auditors. Other laws and ordinances, however, passed at subsequent periods, creating and relating to the several Departments of the City government, come in conflict with the organic law, and divests the City Controller of nearly all the powers therein granted.

The general impression derived from reading the original Act is, that the Controller is invested with ample power for the performance of *all* his duties, whilst in the practical application of the laws and ordinances it is found that each Department is independent of the others, and that the Controller, whose duty it is to examine and audit *all* the books and accounts of each branch of the City government, has no power to enforce the delivery of the books and accounts of any Department, whereby alone he would be enabled to perform that part of his duty. Now, I have no desire to assume duties not properly belonging to this Department, and disclaim any wish to meddle with, or supervise, the acts of any co-ordinate branch of the government; all I desire is, that Councils and the public should know that the seeming authority of this Department under existing laws, as expounded by the legal officer of the City, is more in sound than substance. It is proper that I should state in this connection, that only one Department has been requested to deliver certain books for examination. That request being refused on the ground that none of its books should be taken from the office, and the refusal being sustained by the City Solicitor, it has not, of course, been repeated. Therefore, if it is desirable that this

Department should exercise any control in the matter referred to, additional legislation will be required to confer the authority.

I would respectfully recommend that the eighth section of the ordinance, prescribing the powers and duties of the City Controller, approved July 25, 1854, be amended by striking out the word "first" in the second line, and inserting the word "third." It is impossible to comply with the law as it now stands, for the Controller must wait until the accounts of all other Departments are closed, and a statement thereof rendered to him, before he can commence the report required by said section, and under the most favorable circumstances a full and authentic report cannot be made under ten days.

The accompanying tables will show the receipts and expenses of the City for the year ending December 31, 1857, in gross and in detail.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

Note.—The amounts overpaid on outstanding warrants of 1855 and 1856 are accounted for in part by the payment of some warrants twice, by the late City Treasurer. Some of these were discovered before he relinquished the office in July last, and were promptly refunded by him. Other double payments by the same officer have been more recently discovered, which has led to a thorough examination of the entire accounts for those years. As soon as this is completed the result will be communicated to the late Treasurer, and the overpayments adjusted in the final settlement of his accounts. The warrants paid twice, as embodied in the statements herewith submitted, the two last named amounts being those which were refunded, are as follows :

Dept. Supplying Water,	1855,	\$866 77.
“ “ “	1856,	803 73.
“ Wharves and Landings,	1856,	686 90.
Purposes therein mentioned,	1855,	549 13.

STATEMENT No. 1. .

SHOWING THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BY THE CITY
TREASURER.*F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, in account with the City
of Philadelphia.*

1857. Dr.

Jan. 1. To balance on hand,	\$731,488 47
July 6. Receipts from all sources,	2,465,282 74
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	\$3,196,771 21

1857. Cr.

July 6. By payments on warrants from departments, &c.,	\$3,037,145 32
July 6. By balance to Wm. V. McGrath, City Treasurer,	159,625 89
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	\$3,196,771 21

*William V. McGrath, City Treasurer, in account with the
City of Philadelphia.*

1857. Dr.

July 6. To balance from F. K. Morton,	\$159,625 89
Dec. 31. Receipts from all sources,	1,606,427 84
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	\$1,766,053 73

1857. Cr.

Dec. 31. By payments on warrants from departments, &c.,	\$1,278,015 63
Dec. 31. By balance on hand,	488,038 10
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	\$1,766,053 73

STATEMENT No. 1.—*Continued.*

F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, in account with Trust Funds.

1857. Dr.

Jan. 1. To balance on hand,	\$65,332 40
July 6. Receipts from all sources on Trust account,	113,598 07
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	\$178,930 47

1857. Cr.

July 6. By payments on warrants for Trust purposes,	\$100,581 96
July 6. By balance to Wm. V. McGrath, City Treasurer,	78,348 51
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	\$178,930 47

William V. McGrath, City Treasurer, in account with Trust Funds.

1857. Dr.

July 6. To balance from F. K. Morton,	78,348 51
Dec. 31. To receipts from all sources on Trust account,	94,351 78
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	\$172,700 29

1857. Cr.

Dec. 31. By payments on warrants for Trust purposes,	\$91,842 69
Dec. 31. By balance on hand,	80,857 60
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	\$172,700 29

STATEMENT No. 2.

Showing the appropriations made by Councils exclusive of Trusts, the amount counter-signed on each appropriation, and the unexpended balances of the same.

WHEN APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO	AMOUNT AP- PROPRIATED.	AMOUNT COUNTER- SIGNED.	UNEXPEND- ED BALANCE.
1857.	<i>Police Department.</i>			
Feb'y 2	To pay certain claims against the City.	12 74		12 74
March 6	Do expenses of 1857.	393,378 00	390,690 14	2,687 86
" 6	Do bills incurred in 1856.	15,015 27	14,468 89	546 38
April 7	Do for removing certain Telegraph poles.	150 00	150 00	
May 9	Do Washington Whildin.	41 10	41 10	
Nov'r 6	Do for repairs to Police Stations.	10,200 00	9,075 00	1,125 00
Dec'r 16	Do certain claims.	170 00	170 00	
		\$408,967 11	\$414,595 13	\$ 4,371 98
1855.	<i>Department of Highways and Bridges.</i>			
Dec'r 29	To pay certain claims,	5 01	5 01	
1856.				
Jan'y 3	Do do road damages.	3,861 00	120 00	3,741 00
April 24	Do damage, opening Franklin Street.	562 50	186 50	376 00
Dec'r 17	Do certain road damages.	21,325 00	13,375 00	7,950 00
" 27	Do do do do	2,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
1857.				
Feb'y 2	Do do claims against the City.	179 70	179 70	
March 16	Do expenses of 1857.	371,000 00	358,119 34	12,880 66
" 16	Do deficiencies of 1854, 1855 & 1856.	3,996 87	3,990 77	6 10
April 16	Do certain road damages.	4,525 00	4,525 00	
May 9	Do Neale, Matthews & Co.	7 44	7 44	
July 21	Do Odd Fellows Hall Ass'n, Germant'n	25 00	25 00	
Sept'r 16	Do Salaries of Officers.	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Dec'r 16	Do Joseph Johns, measuring mason work, 1855.	13 94	13 94	
" 16	Do wages for setting lamp posts, 22nd Ward.	22 50	22 50	
1857.		\$408 5 3 96	\$382,570 20	\$25,953 76
	<i>Department of City Commissioners.</i>			
Jan'y 24	To pay expenses incident to elections in 1856.	11,471 00	10,756 59	714 41
Feb'y 2	Do certain claims against the City.	61 52	61 52	
March 17	Do expenses of 1857.	168,534 89	156,398 35	12,136 54
April 13	Do deficiencies of 1856	10,780 34	6,632 75	4,147 59
" 25	Do Thos Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner	1,331 37	1,331 37	
May 18	Do certain claims against the Corp'n.	3,273 81	3,232 05	41 76
" 18	Do do do do City of Philadelphia.	1,484 60	1,484 60	
June 18	Do Wooldridge & Metcalf.	24 12	24 12	
July 13	Do certain claims against the City.	988 70	988 65	05
" 21	Do do do do do do	580 86	580 86	
" 21	Do do bills	98 25	98 25	
Sept'r 1	Do Recording certain Wills, &c.	412 50	412 50	
" 21	Do William Goodman.	12 00		12 00
Oct'r 26	Supplementary to general appropriation.	6,048 00	6,006 00	42 00
" 26	To pay for examining and correcting Tax duplicates of 1857.	500 00	400 00	100 00
	Carried forward.	\$205,601 96	\$188,407,61	\$17,194 35

STATEMENT No. 2—continued.

WHEN APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO	AMOUNT APPROPRIA- TED.	AMOUNT COUNTER- SIGNED.	UN- EXPENDED BALANCE.
1857.	<i>Department of City Commissioners cont'd.</i>	205,601 96	188,407 61	17,194 35
Oct'r 26	To pay sundry expenses of elections.	2,780 00	2,716 58	63 42
Dec'r 15	Do Jesper Harding, bill of Jan., 1856.	435 50	435 50	
" 26	Do Henry St. John O'Neill,	89 45	89 45	
		208,906 91	191,649 14	17,257 77
	<i>Department of City Property.</i>			
Jan'y 24	To pay George M. Freeman,	1,420 00	1,420 00	
Feb'y 2	Do certain claims against the City,	141 67	141 67	
March 26	Do expenses of 1857,	56,895 25	49,770 19	7,125 06
" 26	Do bills incurred in 1856,	167 32	149 87	17 45
April 25	Do a mortgage on Jefferson Square,	4,250 00	4,085 75	164 25
May 9	Do Moses Thomas & Sons,	1,565 55	1,565 55	
July 21	Do J. F. Longstreth,	61 64	54 28	7 36
October 28	Do Justice Cox, Trustee,	330 00	330 00	
" 28	Do certain State taxes on City Prop'y.	1,100 00		1,100 00
Nov'r 2	Do do arrears of ground rent, and for other purposes,	6,362 79	6,362 79	
" 2	Do do expenditures,	705 00	655 00	50 00
Dec'r 16	Do N. LeBrun balance of account, '55,	139 85	139 85	
		73,139 07	64,674 95	8,464 12
	<i>Department for Supplying the City with Water.</i>			
March 6	To pay expenses of 1857,	169,010 00	168,294 11	715 89
" 6	Do claims contracted in 1856, without authority of law,	9,217 12	9,207 93	9 19
" 23	Do for repairs to Water Works,	8,500 00	8,160 29	339 71
May 9	Do John D. Hester,	5 00	5 00	
Nov'r 16	Do for purchase, &c., of iron pipes, plugs, &c.,	15,000 00	14,985 67	14 33
		201,732 12	200,653 06	1,079 12
	<i>Department of Market Houses.</i>			
March 16	To pay expenses of 1857,	11,383 70	11,009 85	373 85
" 16	Do deficiency of 1856,	59 88	30 00	29 88
May 9	Do Isaac Covington,	16 66	16 66	
		11,460 24	11,056 55	403 73
	<i>Department of Wharves and Landings.</i>			
March 16	To pay expenses of 1857,	9,588 17	4,180 55	5,407 62
	<i>Department of Surveys.</i>			
March 2	To pay expenses of 1857,	29,794 50	23,264 79	6,529 71
1856.	<i>Law Department.</i>			
Dec'r 20	To pay certain claims against the City,	98 01	98 01	
1857.				
Jan'y 12	Do do judgments,	5,400 00	5,235 62	164 38
Feb'y 2	Do do claims against the City,	771 00	755 15	15 85
" 24	Do expenses of 1857,	17,480 00	16,562 33	917 67
March 18	To provide for the extinguishment of two certain ground rents,	2,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
	Carried forward,	\$25,749 01	\$23,651 11	\$2,097 90

STATEMENT No. 2—*continued.*

WHEN APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO	AMOUNT APPROPRIA- TED.	AMOUNT COUNTER- SIGNED.	UN- EXPENDED BALANCE.
1857.	<i>Law Department—continued.</i>	25,749 01	23,651 11	2,097 90
March 23	To pay Henry T. Grout's judgment,	775 00	769 86	5 14
" 28	Do certain bills for copying records of Court of Common Pleas,	859 90	859 90	
" 30	Do Thomas Fletcher,	248 87	248 87	
May 18	Do James Goodman,	200 00	200 00	
June 18	Do certain claims against the City,	482 94	482 94	
July 21	Do do do do	2,425 69	2,425 69	
Sept'r 21	Do Samuel Hibbs' judgment,	298 04	298 04	
Oct'r 26	Do expenses of Examiner in case of Lewis & Butler vs. The City,	150 00	150 00	
Nov'r 2	Do salary of an additional Clerk,	200 00	133 32	66 68
Dec'r 26	Do William B. Mann and others,	5,293 87	5,293 87	
		36,683 32	34,513 60	2,169 72
	<i>Fire Department.</i>			
Feb'y 2	To pay Jos. L. Parry, Engineer Steam Fire Engine "Young America,"	70 13	70 13	
March 2	Do sundry expenses,	41,900 00	38,640 04	3,259 96
" 2	Do for house built without authority, for Steam Fire Engine "Young America," 1856.	1,652 52	1,612 02	40 50
" 23	Do "Good Will" Fire Co., re-appro- priation, 1856,	133 00	133 00	
Dec'r 16	Do gas-fitting "Young America" En- gine house, 1856.	55 87	55 87	
		43,811 52	40,511 06	3,300 46
	<i>City Controller.</i>			
March 7	To pay expenses for 1857,	16,383 33	13,698 78	2,684 55
	<i>City Treasurer.</i>			
Dec'r 20	To pay certain evidences of City indebt- edness,	40,000 00	40,086 74	
" 27	Do principal of the funded debt,	137,391 55	82,048 39	55,343 16
" 27	Do interest on the funded debt,	510,000 00	527,046 05	
1857.				
Jan'y 31	Do State Taxes,	190,000 00	190,000 00	
March 16	Do Henry T. Grout. professional ser- vices to late District of Penn,	650 00	650 00	
" 14	Do expenses of 1857,	10,400 00	10,056 71	343 29
" 23	Do interest on warrants and certifi- cates of loan,	7,300 00	13,202 80	
May 9	Do Wm. Binder,	100 00	100 00	
" 18	Do S. F. Fisher,	65 55	65 55	
June 18	Do Guardians of the Poor,	25 00		25 00
" 30	Do Principal of the funded debt,	52,100 00	51,944 44	155 56
" 30	Do interest do do	560,000 }		
Nov'r 28	Do do on certain bonds,	30,000 }	584,522 65	5,447 35
Dec'r 18	Do do on temporary loan,	3,000 00	987 50	2,012 50
		1,541,032 10	1,500,710 83	40,291 27
	<i>Receiver of Taxes.</i>			
March 17	To pay expenses of 1857,	23,360 00		
Sept'r 14	Additional appropriation,	354 94		
		23,714 94	22,105 74	1,609 20
" 21	To pay for new fire proof, and removal of old one,	75 00	75 00	
		\$23,780 94	\$22,180 74	\$1,609 20

STATEMENT No. 2—continued.

WHEN AP- PROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO	AMOUNT APPROPRI- ATED.	AMOUNT COUNTER- SIGNED.	UNEXPEND- ED BALANCE.
<i>Clerks of Councils.</i>				
1857.				
Feb'y 24	To pay expenses of 1857.	27,300 00	26,708 79	591 21
March 14	Do do of Kane Obsequies.	1,000 00	1,000 00	
May 9	Do certain claims.	115 76	115 76	
Sept'r 14	Do for 200 copies Consolidation Act and Supplements.	75 00	75 00	
Dec'r 16	Do for carriage hire 1856, Committee on poor.	15 00	15 00	
" 18	Do John D. Miles, for extraordinary services.	300 00	300 00	
		\$28,805 76	\$28,214 55	591 21
1857.	<i>Department of Lighting &c., Pub'c Lamps.</i>			
March 2	To pay expenses for 1857.	\$232,000 00	\$218,985 90	\$13,014 10
<i>Controllers of the Public Schools.</i>				
1857.				
March 30	To Pay Expenses of 1857.	480,194 00	473,126 72	7,067 28
April 28	Do for re-building Levering School, 21st Ward.	3,500 00	3,500 00	
May 9	Do re-insuring Philosophical Appa- ratus, High School.	180 00	180 00	
June 9	Do fitting up new room for Primary School, No. 1, 5th Section and additional rent.	250 00	246 00	4 00
Dec'r 16	Do rent of Duntun street Sch'l House, 16th Section.	60 00	60 00	
		\$484,184 00	\$477,112 72	\$7,071 28
1857.	<i>Board of Health.</i>			
Feb'y 26	To pay expenses of 1857.	\$34,336 00	32,183 21	2,152 79
" 26	Do for removing nuisances in 1856.	6,000 00	5,802 81	197 19
May 9	Do Geo. W. Chambers.	12 50		12 50
Sept'r 21	Do Hugh McNelly.	71 36	71 36	
		40,419 86	\$38,057 38	\$2,362 48
1857.	<i>Guardians of the Poor.</i>			
March 30	To pay expenses of 1857.	226,462 00	217,077 47	9,384 53
" 30	Do deficiency of 1856.	36,933 31	36,207 26	726 08
May 9	Do S. P. Brown.	20 00	20 00	
July 21	Do B. Quigley.	143 00	143 00	
" 21	Do Wm. B. Thomas.	42 00	42 00	
		\$263,600 34	\$253,489 73	\$10,110 61
1857.	<i>Inspectors of the Prison.</i>			
March 16	To pay expenses of 1857.	\$69,294 00	61,145 57	8,148 43
" 16	Do deficiency of 1856.	204 92	184 46	20 46
		\$69,498 92	\$61,330 03	\$8,168 89
1857.	<i>Trustees of the City Ice Boat.</i>			
March 2	To pay expenses of 1857.	\$11,000 00	11,000 00	
" 2	Do claims of 1856, contracted without authority.	10,000 00	10,000 00	
Sept'r 14	Do sundry claims.	6,830 58	6,782 82	47 76
		\$27,830 58	\$27,782 82	\$47 76
1857.	<i>Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.</i>			
June 19	To pay for Books and Clerk hire,	100 00	94 13	5 87
Grand Total.		4,170,251 75	4,009,326 54	160,895 21

STATEMENT No. 3.

Showing the appropriations made by Councils on Trust Accounts; the amount counter-signed on each, and the unexpended balances of the same.

WHEN APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO	AMOUNT APPROPRIA- TED.	AMOUNT COUNTER- SIGNED.	UN- EXPENDED BALANCE.
1856.	<i>Girard College.</i>			
June 14	For buildings within the walls,	15,506 17	4,940 56	10,565 61
Dec'r 5	Bedding and other furniture,	3,000 00	2,489 93	1,110 07
1857.				
Jan'y 12	Expenses of 1857,	91,617 37	87,760 39	3,856 98
" 12	Bills of 1856,	722 63	413 03	309 60
		111,446 17	95,603 91	15,842 26
	<i>Girard Estate.</i>			
Feb'y 3	For expenses of 1857,	67,663 91	61,220 04	6,443 87
" 3	Bills of 1856,	3,736 09	3,638 38	97 71
" 3	Improvements to real estate,	18,000 00		18,000 00
March 23	Lighting Delaware Avenue, and taxes,	1,800 00	409 08	1,390 92
July 3	Do do do	2,500 00	2,499 85	15
Oct'r 2	Repairs to real estate in Coates St.,	3,000 00	3,000 00	
Nov'r 16	Improvements to Delaware Avenue,	2,400 00	2,400 00	
" 27	General repairs to real estate,	3,000 00	3,000 00	
		102,100 00	76,167 35	25,932 65
1856.	<i>Guardians of the Poor.</i>			
Dec'r 27	To carry out the provisions of certain legacies,	3,938 02	3,645 82	292 20
1857.	<i>Wills' Hospital.</i>			
Feb'y 9	For expenses of 1857,	7,047 30	6,680 89	366 41
Dec'r 22	To be invested in City loans,	379 92	373 00	6 92
		7,427 22	7,053 89	373 33
	<i>Superintendent of Trusts.</i>			
Feb'y 9	For expenses and annuities, Grover estate,	2,737 20	2,345 46	391 74
" 9	To carry out the conditions of certain trusts,	6,160 19	5,666 71	493 48
		\$8,897 39	\$8,012 17	\$885 22

STATEMENT No. 4.

Showing the amounts countersigned on warrants drawn by the several Departments, the amounts paid thereon, and the receipts of the City Treasurer.

Departments.	Countersigned.	Paid.	Receipts.
Police,	414,595 13	341,604 54	
Highways,	382,570 20	305,945 89	33,157 68
City Commissioners,	191,649 14	167,719 97	
City Property,	64,674 95	47,855 41	20,841 38
Water,	200,653 00	178,159 19	426,185 83
Market Houses,	11,056 51	9,815 18	71,205 75
Wharves and Landings,	4,180 55	3,323 40	40,810 83
Surveys,	23,264 79	12,032 39	
Law,	34,513 60	28,779 58	34,750 66
Fire,	40,511 06	24,611 49	
City Controller,	13,698 78	13,501 92	
City Treasurer,	10,872 26	9,108 17	
Receiver of Taxes,	22,180 74	21,865 99	2,546,107 72
Clerks of Councils,	28,214 55	24,758 08	
Lighting the City,	218,985 90	150,110 44	1,943 83
Public Schools,	477,112 72	335,820 37	73,715 05
Board of Health,	38,057 38	33,502 30	5,164 90
Guardians of the Poor,	253,489 73	204,793 95	19,361 51
Inspectors of the Prison,	61,330 03	43,766 59	1,290 00
Trustees of the City Ice Boat,	27,782 82	21,331 64	3,174 06
Commissioners of the Sinking			
Funds,	94 13	88 50	
Loans due in 1857,	133,992 83	133,992 83	
Loan of \$800,000,			338,100 00
Temporary Loan,		75,000 00	75,000 00
Sinking Funds,		86,606 38	149,260 35
Interest on Stocks,			224,422 20
" " Mortgages,			109 80
" " Warrants,	53,289 54	53,289 54	
" " Funded Debt,	1,111,568 70	1,111,568 70	
" " Temporary Loan,	987 50	987 50	
" refunded,			153 60
State Taxes,	190,000 00	190,000 00	
Fines and Penalties,			3,168 64
Pawn Brokers' Licenses,			2,400 00
Licenses to sell Gunpowder,			270 00
" " Foreign Fruit,			235 00
Dutton's, Thompson's & Car-			
ter's Legacies,		575 84	
Miscellaneous Receipts,			881 79
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	\$4,009,326 54	\$3,630,515 78	\$4,071,710 58

STATEMENT No. 5.

TRUST FUNDS.

Showing the amount of warrants countersigned, the amount paid thereon, and the receipts of the several Trusts.

Trusts-	Amount Countersigned.	Amount Paid	Amount Received.
Girard Trust,	\$171,771 26	\$172,628 58	\$191,537 59
Grover Trust,	2,385 07	2,598 03	2,573 19
Wills' Hospital,	7,053 89	7,053 89	6,047 38
B. Franklin's Legacy,	1,994 78	1,994 78	1,654 98
John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000,	744 25	744 25	557 60
John Scott's Legacy of \$3,000,	672 00	672 00	618 25
Fuel Fund,	378 73	378 73	427 60
Fuel Fund by Act of Assembly,	186 47	186 47	192 00
S. Girard's Bequest to Public Schools,	627 00	627 00	627 00
Yellow Fever Fund,		561 60	561 60
Paul Beck's Legacy,	500 00	500 00	500 00
B. McMahon's "			28 50
Esther Water's "	2,864 24	2,879 99	643 59
George Emlen's "	226 46	226 46	442 04
Samuel Scottin's "	12 00	12 00	12 00
James Dutton's "	262 28	282 41	300 13
Archibald Thompson's "	200 21	200 21	200 21
William Carter's "	92 63	366 38	447 89
Girard Fuel Fund,	511 87	511 87	578 30
	<hr/> \$190,483 14	<hr/> \$192,424 65	<hr/> \$207,949 85

STATEMENT No. 6.

RECEIPTS OF 1857 IN DETAIL.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, &C.

John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner.

Sewer Permits,	\$1,508 75	
“ Repairing,	503 75	
“ Rents,	2,951 80	
Dray, Cart, Wagon and Barrow Permits,	2,969 25	
Building “	625 00	
Vault “	1,691 25	
Rail Road Turn-Out “	80 00	
Hotel, Private & Hack- ney Coach and Driv- ers’ Licenses,	1,035 00	
Omnibus Licenses,	4,830 00	
Paving and Repaving,	2,887 22	
Miscellaneous,	997 49	
	<hr/>	20,079 51

CITY RAIL ROAD.

Richard L. West, Superintendent

Tolls,	13,078 17—33,157 68
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DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER.

William V. McKean, Register.

Annual Rents of '57,	284,555 73	
Fractional “ “	4,285 90	
Iron Pipes,	9,094 49	
Rents of '56,		
	2,293 75	
Penalties “	323 41	
	<hr/>	2,617 16

Amount carried forward	300,553 28
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STATEMENT 6.—*Continued.**Joshua M. Raybold, Register.*

Amount brought forward,	\$300,553.28
Annual Rents of	
1857,	65,176.22
Penalties	5,077.70—70,253.92
Fractional Rents of	
1857,	12,348.61
Iron Pipes	11,669.88
Delinquent Rents of	
1856,	1,480.75
Penalties,	222.65—1,703.40
Delinquent Rents	
of 1855,	11.50
Penalties,	4.75—16.25—95,992.06

William Bonsall, Register.

Annual Rents of	
1857,	13,637.50
Penalties,	1,883.79
Fractional Rents,	3,707.88
Iron Pipes,	9,609.21
Delinquent Rents	
of 1856,	244.00
Penalties,	34.20—278.20—29,116.58

Samuel Ogden, Chief Engineer.

Ground Rents,	55.00
Sale of old Iron & Brass,	461.00
Shifting Fire Plug,	7.91—523.91—426,185.83

DEPARTMENT OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

Samuel C. Thompson, Commissioner.

Rents,	36,980.18
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William Lamb, Commissioner.

Rents,	3,143.75
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F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer.

Refunded for warrants paid twice,	686.90
	40,810.83

STATEMENT 6.—*Continued.*

LAW DEPARTMENT.

William A. Porter, Solicitor.

Claims,	25,243	56
Interest on Claims,	1,813	61
Costs,	3,645	67
Interest on Bonds and Mort- gages,	675	57
Outstanding Taxes,	3,009	25
C. C. Wilson, on account of balance due by him for market rents,	363	00
	<hr/>	34,750 66

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

Eugene Ahern, Commissioner.

Rents of Tenements and Pub- lic Halls,	10,351	94
Ground Rents,	7,818	14
Revenue of Tobacco Ware- house,	2,495	05
Sales of old materials,	119	00
Incidental Receipts,	57	25
	<hr/>	20,841 38

DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES.

Samuel C. Thompson, Commissioner.

Rents of Stalls and Stands,	71,205	75
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TRUSTEES OF THE CITY ICE BOAT.

Towage during the winter of 1856—'57,	3,174	06
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LIGHTING THE CITY.

Broken Lamps &c., per John Wiegand, Cashier,	34	75
Lighting Delaware Avenue, per John McCarthy, Chief Comm'ner of Highways,	1,909	08
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STATEMENT No. 6.—*Continued.*

PAWN-BROKERS' LICENSES.

Received from sundry persons,	2,400 00
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LICENSES TO SELL GUNPOWDER.

Received from sundry persons,	270 00
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LICENSES TO SELL FOREIGN FRUIT.

Received from sundry persons,	235 00
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GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.

Frederick A. Server, Treasurer.

Bonded Cases,	5,011 45	
Support Cases,	4,475 02	
Emigrant Tax,	5,761 00	
Steward's House Receipts,	3,754 04	
Clinic Tickets,	360 00	
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

James W. T. McAllister, Health Officer.

Fees on vessels from foreign ports,	875 00	
Fees on Coasting ves- sels,	120 00	
Examination of Pas- sengers,	308 50	
Re-payment of costs for removing nui- sances,	567 16	
Board of Patients at Hospitals,	94 54	
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G. H. Woodward, Acting Health Officer.

Fees on vessels from foreign ports,	190 00	
Fees on Coasting ves- sels,	39 00	
Carried forward,	<hr/>	229 00

STATEMENT No. 6.—*Continued.*

Brought forward,	229 00	
Examination of Pas- sengers,	499 50	
Outside Channel fee at Lazaretto,	40 00	
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John N. Henderson, Health Officer.

Fees on vessels from foreign ports,	1,325 00	
Fees on Coasting ves- sels,	36 00	
Examination of Pas- sengers,	691 00	
Re-payment of costs for removing nui- sances,	104 20	
Outside Channel fee at Lazaretto,	275 00	
	<hr/>	2,431 20—5,164 90

CONTROLLERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

State Appropriations for two years,	73,715 05
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INSPECTORS OF THE PRISON.

Sales of manufactured articles,	1,290 00
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INTEREST ON STOCKS, &c.

Penn'a. R. R. Stock,	170,000 00	
Phila'da Gas Works,	54,222 00	
Southwark Gas Co.,	200 20	
Mortgages,	109 80	
Overpaid interest re- turned,	153 60	
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STATEMENT No. 6.—*Continued.**Fines and Penalties.*

Wards.	Aldermen.	
1st.	James Gordon	39 00
2d.	Joseph Eneu	241 00
3d.	Robert T. Carter	64 50
4th.	George Moore	436 57
"	Abraham McGarry,	127 53—564 10
7th.	John Coulter	445 70
8th.	Williams Ogle	28 42
9th.	John Thompson	302 67
10th.	Jacob Snyder	10 67
12th.	Peter Hay	229 23
15th.	F. W. Binder	398 52
"	Alexander Martin	3 00—401 52
16th.	Frederick Reel	5 96
17th.	John Devlin	119 45
18th.	John Clouds	9 60
19th.	Stuart Fields	61 50
"	E. Jared Megonegal	38 00—99 50
20th.	T. Hope Palmer	11 60
"	Aquilla Haines	53 28—64 88
21st.	O. L. Ramsdell	29 00
22d.	James G. Gibson	45 00
"	Reuben Wunder	38—45 38
23d.	Franklin McConaughey	113 12
"	Joseph Boucher	5 50—118 62
24th.	James Allen	67
"	Joseph G. Miller	97 37
"	Thomas J. Watson	5 00—103 04
Henry W. Ditman, Lieut. Police,		
fines for stray cattle,		31 00
James D. Campbell, Mayor's		
Clerk, dog fines,		210 40
Stanley Lewis, police officer, fines		
for stray horses,		5 00—3,168 64

STATEMENT No. 6.—*Continued.*

Taxes, Interest, and Advertising, 1856,	377,336 36	
Personal taxes, 1856,	1,013 99	—378,350 35
Taxes, Interest, and Advertising, 1855,	27,861 76	
Personal taxes, 1855,	20 70	—27,882 46
Taxes, Interest, and Advertising, 1854,		3,615 81
Outstanding taxes, prior to 1854,		3,048 69
State taxes,		53,753 31

LOANS.

Balance of Loan of \$800,000,	338,100 00	
Temporary Loan,	75,000 00	—413,100 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Henry J. Murray, Constable, over costs returned,	4 00	
Samuel S. Money, balance of ac- count, as Supervisor,	39 60	
Strickland Kneass, Surveyor's fees,	16 50	
James D. Campbell, Mayor's Clerk, sales of old lamps, &c., from station houses,	252 56	
Person unknown, refunded to City Treasury,	20 00	
F. Knox Morton, late City Trea- surer, refunded for warrant paid twice,	549 13	—881 79

STATEMENT No. 7.

*Receipts on account of Trust Funds.**Girard Estate.—George F. Goodman, Superintendent.*

Rents of Real Estate in Philadelphia,	153,214 66
“ “ Schuylkill County,	64 00
Interest on Schuylkill Navigation Co. Loan,	18,314 46
“ Union Canal Co. Loan,	30 00
“ Pennsylvania State Loan,	7,028 92
“ Philadelphia City Loan,	11,161 93
“ “ Gas Loan,	570 00
Dividend, Insurance Co. State of Penna.,	528 00
“ Philadelphia Exchange Co.,	500 00
“ Germtn & Perkiomen Turnpike Co.,	9 00
Girard Fuel Fund,	116 62—\$191,537 59

Grover Trust.

Interest on City Loans,	2,319 44
Rents of Real Estate,	253 75 —2,573 19

Wills Hospital.

Interest on City Loans,	2,318 00
“ Mortgage Phila. Exchange Co.,	2,040 00
Yellow Fever Funds,	561 60
Board of Patients,	767 86
Legacy of William Weiss,	359 92 —6,047 38

Benjamin Franklin's Legacy.

Instalments and Interest on Loans.	227 98
Interest on City Loans,	927 00
City Loan, paid off,	500 00 —1,654 98

Paul Beck's Legacy.

Ground Rent,	500 00
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Samuel Scottin's Legacy.

Ground Rent,	12 00
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Fuel Fund of City of Philadelphia.

Interest on City Loan,	319 60
Dividend, Bank of Pennsylvania,	108 00—427 60

Fuel Fund, per Act of Assembly.

Interest on Mortgage,	192 00
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Girard Fuel Fund.

Girard Estate, per Ordinance Feb. 9, 1857,	578 30
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STATEMENT No. 7.—*Continued.**John Scott's Legacy of \$3,000.*

Interest on City Loan,	318 25	
Loan paid off,	300 00	618 25

John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000.

Interest on City Loan,	557 60	
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Esther Waters' Legacy.

William Carter's Legacy,	15 75	
Interest Lehigh Navigation Co. Loan,	627 84	643 59

George Emlen's Legacy.

Interest on State Loan,	104 54	
“ Schuylkill Navigation Co. Loan,	337 50	442 04

Girard Bequest to Public Schools.

Interest on City Loan,	627 00	
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Bernard McMahon's Legacy.

Interest on City Loan,	28 50	
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Archibald Thompson's Legacy.

Ground Rents,	200 21	
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William Carter's Legacy.

Ground Rents collected,	98 34	
Principal of Ground Rents sold,	341 00	
Interest on City Loan,	8 55	447 89

James Dutton's Legacy.

Ground Rents,	280 00	
Returned by Guardians of the Poor, per City Controller,	20 13	
		300 13

Yellow Fever Fund.

Interest on City Loan,	561 60	
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STATEMENT No. 8.

*Showing the Expenditures in Detail.—1857.**Department of Police.*

Salary of Mayor,	\$3,500	00	
“ Clerk,	1,000	00	
“ Two Messengers,	1,000	00	
			5,500 00
“ Marshall of Police,	867	88	
“ Marshall’s Clerk,	295	12	
“ Chief of Police,	986	30	
			2,149 30
“ Sup’d’t of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph,	1,200	00	
“ Assistant, do.	499	95	
			1,699 95
“ High Constables, Special Officers, Lieutenants and Sergeants,			37,134 83
“ Policemen 1st District,	23,846	22	
“ “ 2d “	27,745	24	
“ “ 3d “	23,622	91	
“ “ 4th “	22,209	07	
“ “ 5th “	38,753	19	
“ “ 6th “	34,154	10	
“ “ 7th “	17,673	00	
“ “ 8th “	19,400	56	
“ “ 9th “	16,889	36	
“ “ 10th “	26,293	04	
“ “ 11th “	24,818	92	
“ “ 12th “	13,804	12	
“ “ 13th “	5,717	01	
“ “ 14th “	5,733	45	
“ “ 15th “	5,538	91	
“ “ 16th “	9,296	82	
Salaries of Policemen otherwise de- tailed,	9,484	51	
			324,980 43

Amount carried forward \$371,464 51

STATEMENT No. 8—*continued.*

Amount brought forward	\$371,464	51
Rent of Station Houses,	597	13
Gas, Fluid and Fuel,	2,364	93
Conveying Prisoners,	5,032	63
Cleaning Station Houses, Rooms and Cells,	2,647	79
Meals and Medical attendance for Prisoners, Children and Po- licemen,	428	36
Repairs to Station Houses, Rooms, Cells and Furniture,	1,233	62
Stationery and Printing,	1,495	14
Expenses incident to arrests and conviction of Offenders,	926	57
Bedding, Badges, and Rattles,	1,498	06
Heaters, Stoves and repairs to same,	688	78
Taking up and killing dogs,	727	50
Postage, Portorage and Incidentals,	780	81
Acids and Repairs for Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph,	645	92
Expenses incurred in procuring evi- dence, &c.,	158	39
	<hr/>	19,225 63

Special Appropriations.

Hugh Barr, moving Telegraph Poles,	150	00
N. Le Brun, Block Marble, Washing- ton Monument,	150	00
Repairs 1st District Station House,	361	90
“ 2d “ “ “	986	56
“ 3d “ “ “	1,214	88
“ 6th “ “ “	593	30
“ 7th “ “ “	147	44
“ 9th “ “ “	2	62
“ 10th “ “ “	699	50
“ 12th “ “ “	400	00
Erecting 11th “ “ “	2,799	97
	<hr/>	7,206 17

Amount carried forward \$398,196 31

STATEMENT No. 8—*continued.*

Amount brought forward \$398,196 31

Bills of 1856.

Salaries of 650 Policemen for nine days in December 1856,	7,706 25	
Gas and Fluid,	637 30	
Ice for Station Houses,	557 28	
Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph,	563 29	
Cleaning Station Houses, Brushes, &c.,	430 31	
Repairs to Furnaces and Stoves,	104 32	
Conveying Prisoners,	2,496 50	
Plumbing and Gas Fitting,	394 59	
Rent of Station Houses, Water Rents, cleaning and repair- ing Sink,	86 62	
Bedding, Badges, Stationery and Incidentals,	720 29	
Medical Attendance, Meals and Expenses of Prisoners,	127 38	
Carpenter Work and other Re- pairs to Station Houses,	644 76	
	<hr/>	14,468 89

Special Appropriations.

Washington Whildin, Policeman, Bill of 1856,	41 10	
Robert McCauley, " " 1856,	20 00	
Repairs to 5th District Station House, Bills of 1856,	1,868 83	
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Total	\$414,595 13	

STATEMENT No.8—*continued.*

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

DAMAGES IN OPENING STREETS.

	Cer. of Loan.	Cash.	
Opening Charlotte street, J. Fisher, Christian Monyer,	100 00	20 00	100 00 20 00
Opening Franklin street, 13th Ward. Peter Gable, Elizabeth Ditters, Mary Holmes, Margaretta Krips, Thomas Gibson, Samuel Nace, J. & P. Fisher, John Fackner, P. & J. Flecker, Charles Howell,		24 00 12 00 18 00 48 00 19 50 12 00 12 00 17 00 12 00 12 00	186 50
Opening Brown street. Mary Mason,	2,000 00		2,000 00
Opening Chesnut street, 24th Ward. Jane W. Horner, R. W. Greenbank,	100 00 600 00	50 00	750 00
Opening Manatawna street. Hiram Johnson, William Wolf, Daniel Wolf,	100 00 100 00	50 00 25 00 25 00	300 00
Opening Columbia street, Samuel T. Bodine,	100 00	25 00	125 00
Opening Orthodox Street. Jacob Leshner, Conrad Fries,	5,000 00 1,700 00	50 00	6,750 00
Opening Hancock street. James J. Skerritt, H. P. Atherton & C. Wistar, John Goodfellow, Electra Hess, C. Wistar & J. F. Langstroth, Charles Montier,	300 00 1,000 00 300 00 300 00 200 00 100 00		2,200 00
Amounts carried forward.	\$12,000 00	\$431 50	\$12,431 50

STATEMENT No. 8—*continued.*

	Cer. of Loan.	Cash.	
Amounts brought forward,	12,000 00	431 50	12,431 50
Opening Aspen street.			
William H. Evans,	1,100 00	50 00	1,150 00
Opening Walnut street.			
Nathan Pennell,	100 00		
Opening Franklin street, 1st Ward.			
Philip L. Bunting,	1,500 00		
George Marker,	1,000 00		
William T. Risler,	500 00		
Benjamin Martin,	100 00		
Phebe Cecil,		75 00	
John S. Curby,		50 00	3,325 00
Opening Tioga street, 21st Ward.			
William Rheimer,	800 00		
Opening Till street, 24th Ward,			
Mary Moore & Ann Lamb,	500 00		
Opening Girard Avenue.			
Ferdinand J. Dreer,	1,000 00		2,300 00
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	\$18,600 00	\$606 50	\$19,206 50

For the new paving of intersections.

Paving,	\$16,506 23	
Flag, crossing and gutter stone,	4,119 02	
Regulating and measuring pavement,	374 40	
	<hr/>	\$20,999 65

Repairing and Repaving Streets.

Labor,	78,846 30	
Curb, flag and gutter stone,	9,528 27	
Gravel,	13,857 57	
Paving stone,	1,994 49	
Brick,	642 20	
Smith work,	3,155 22	
Carpenter work and material,	457 42	
Giving curb lines and measuring pavements,	2,668 56	
	<hr/>	\$111,150 03

Grading Streets and Roads.

Labor,	23,960 57	
Hardware and smith work,	70 20	
Carpenter work and lumber,	135 00	
Giving grade lines and measuring,	828 49	
	<hr/>	24,994 26
Amount carried forward,		<hr/>
		\$176,350 44

STATEMENT No. 8—*continued.*

Amount brought forward, \$176,350 44

Repairing Roads and Unpaved Streets.

Labor,	31,885 41	
Flag and building stone,	499 53	
Gravel,	1,357 55	
Carpenter work and lumber,	736 40	
Smith work and hardware,	496 01	
Powder,	8 50	
	<hr/>	34,983 40

Paving Footways.

Brick, sand and workmen's wages,	6,619 29	
Giving curb lines and measuring pavement,	370 47	
	<hr/>	6,989 76

Repairs to Culverts and Inlets.

Brick work, stone work, carpenter Work,		
Lumber and castings	14,895 00	
Giving culvert and curb regulations,	10 00	
	<hr/>	14,905 00

Repairing Bridges.

Labor,	5,026 30	
Carpenter work and lumber,	3,587 90	
Building bridges,	2,533 13	
Smith work and hardware,	144 97	
Painting,	151 50	
	<hr/>	11,443 80

Cleaning Streets and Market Houses.

Workmen's wages and carting,	59,988 57	59,988 57
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Cleaning and Repairing Unpaved Streets.

Labor, carting and materials,	9,999 47	9,999 47
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Repairs and Labor on City Railroad.

Labor,	3,117 31	
Smith work, hardware and iron,	1,828 65	
Carpenter work and lumber,	95 02	
Carting,	274 19	
Office rent,	200 00	
Salt, coal and gravel	237 36	
Printing, binding and stationery,	61 21	
Painting office, ice and gas,	103 27	
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Amount carried forward,	320,577 45
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STATEMENT No. 8—*continued.*

Amount brought forward, \$320,577 45

Repairing Wells and Pumps.

Repairing wells and pumps and materials, 1,406 12 1,406 12

Salaries of Officers in the Department.

Chief Commissioner, two Assistant Commissioners, License Clerk, Miscellaneous Clerk, Superintendent of City Rail Road, Messenger, Watchmen of Permanent and Girard Avenue Bridges, 9,999 39 9,999 39
 Salaries of Supervisors of Highways, 15,386 00 15,386 00

Grading and Bridging Girard Avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Philip Quigley, building Iron Bridge over Columbia R. R., 24th Ward 5,000 00
 Labor, 98 50

 5,098 50

Building Wing Walls at Girard Avenue Bridge, Twenty-fourth Ward.

P. & J. Naillis, Building Retaining Walls as per contract, 3,000 00
 Labor, 635 43

 3,635 43

Grading Girard Avenue, Twentieth Ward.

Labor, 8,988 86
 Smithwork and wheelbarrows, 260 67
 Giving grade regulations, 65 00
 Wm. Kelly, for injuries received while on the work, as per resolution, 50 00

 9,364 53

Building Wing Walls at Girard Avenue Bridge, Twentieth Ward.

George Cubler, building retaining walls, as per contract, 3,691 03
 Giving building lines, 5 00

 3,696 03

*Constructing a Bridge over the Schuylkill at Chestnut Street.**Advertising for Plans and Estimates.*

Pennsylvanian, 108 00
 The Press, 91 00
 Dobbin & Fulton, 55 25
 Pennsylvania Inquirer, 47 73

 301 98

Amount carried forward, \$369,465 43

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,		369,465 43
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery,	999 05	999 05
Insurance on Bridges,	1,100 00	1,100 00
Office and Yard Expenses,	526 13	526 13
<i>Incidental Expenses.</i>		
Carriage hire, horse keep, postage, &c.,	753 53	753 53
<i>Salaries of Temporary Purveyors.</i>		
For numbering houses,	1,278 48	1,278 48
<i>Building Wing Walls and Grading at Franklin Avenue Bridge over Gunner's Run.</i>		
William Monaghan,	1,158 27	
Conrad V. Nauman,	760 00	
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<i>Bills of 1856.—New Paving of Intersections.</i>		
James McCloskey,	1,947 24	
Matthew & Robert Thompson,	517 33	
Murrey & Brodie,	151 20	
Gravel,	200 00	
Paving Stone and Wharfage,	85 25	
Smith Work,	4 50	
Regulating and measuring pavement.	217 30	
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<i>Repairing and Repaving Streets.</i>		
Gravel and Paving Stone,	45 75	
Smith Work,	19 61	
Carting,	4 50	
	<hr/>	69 86
<i>Grading Streets.</i>		
Lafferty McConnell,	202 27	
Labor, and giving grade lines.	131 73	
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Repairing unpaved streets and roads,	308 46	308 46
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$379,871 03

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	379,871 03	
Cleaning streets,	200 00	200 00
Repairs to City Railroad.	33 96	33 96
Repairing Culverts,	334 15	334 15
Repairing Footways,	10 05	10 05
<i>Bills of 1856.</i>		
Repairing Bridges,	6 84	
Repairing Pumps,	20 00	
Salaries,	83 34	
Printing,	10 00	
Carriage Hire,	3 00	123 18
Hancock and Fox, bill for brick,	179 70	
Neal, Matthews & Co., bill for lamp posts,	7 44	
Oddfellows Hall Association of Germantown, for erecting a street lamp,	25 00	
Wm. Tustin, for setting lamp- posts, Twenty-second Ward,	22 50	
		234 64
<i>Bills of 1855.—Grading Streets.</i>		
Matthew & Robert Thompson, Grading Broad street above Passyunk Road,	673 62	673 62
<i>Paving Intersections of Streets.</i>		
Matthew & Robert Thompson, Paving Intersections of Broad, Morris, and Mifflin streets,	740 54	740 54
Charles Dixey, balance on con- tract, bridge over Gunner's Run,	5 01	
Joseph Johns, measuring mason work, Twenty-second Ward,	13 94	18 95
John Schaffer, Bill for Gravel,	163 67	
J. Develin, " "	53 75	
C. J. McNeal, Hardware,	7 87	
J. M. Wainwright, Hardware,	16 80	242 08
Amount carried forward,		\$382,482 20

STATEMENT No. 8—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	382,482	20
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Bills of 1854.

Black & Raub, bill for Paving		
Stone,	88 00	88 00
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Total,	\$382,570	20

DEPARTMENT OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.

District Court.

Jurors,	\$6,723	94	
Tipstaves,	4,319	40	
Recording,	680	50	
Books and Stationery,	35	00	
Jurors for 1856,	214	75	\$11,973 59

Common Pleas Court.

Jurors,	1,746	25	
Tipstaves,	2,870	40	
Books and Stationery,	249	75	
Auditor of Common Pleas,	150	00	
Jurors for 1856,	14	00	5,030 40

Supreme Court.

Jurors,	1,808	30	
Tipstaves,	2,733	00	
Recording,	978	00	
Books and Stationery,	188	75	
Tipstaves for 1856,	261	00	
Jurors do	17	00	5,986 05

Criminal Court.

Grand Jurors,	5,379	00	
Jurors,	9,532	00	
Do for 1856,	46	00	
Tipstaves,	8,638	80	
Road Jurors,	584	00	
“ for 1856,	100	00	
Board of Jurors,	454	00	
Do do for 1856,	84	00	
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Amount carried forward,	\$24,817	80	22,990 04

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$24,817 80	\$22,990 04
Carriage hire for Grand Jury,	366 00	
Do do 1856,	291 00	
George Megee, Sheriff, bills and fees,	\$3,993 86	
Less amount received by him, and deducted from his bills,	1,157 50	
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	2,836 36	
Geo. Megee, balance due for 1856,	273 69	
Wm. B. Mann, District Attorney,	1,918 75	
Lewis C. Cassidy, do	3,081 25	
G. M. Howell, Clerk Quar. Ses.,	4,500 00	
Witness fees,	287 55	
Interpreter,	510 00	
To pay Clerk for bringing up the record of road cases,	800 00	
B. Sharkey, for copying records of the Court,	250 00	
Stationery,	248 00	
Gas,	87 40	
J. B. Neal, for meals furnished in April and May, 1855,	98 00	
J. B. Neal, use of room,	74 75	
Jones' Exchange Hotel, for meals,	74 25	
Dr. Wm. B. Atkinson, for medical attendance,	2 00	
Expenses and arrests of fugitives from justice,	5 35	
A. J. Hamsher, for arresting C. F. H. Hoffman,	20 00	
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		40,542 15

Elections.

Judges, Inspectors and Clerks,	12,223 00
Do do for 1856,	4,183 00
Do do 1855,	141 00
Rent of rooms,	185 00
Do do for 1856,	205 00
Constables' fees,	160 20
Qualifying officers,	184 50
Do for 1856,	186 00

Amount carried forward,	\$17,467 70	\$63,532 19
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STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$17,467 70	\$63,532 19
Return Judges,	125 00	
Do for 1856,	111 00	
Prothonotaries' fees for 1856,	98 59	
Preparing street lists for printing,	1,041 15	
Collecting and distributing ballot boxes for May,	150 00	
Distributing ballot boxes for October,	75 00	
Printing and Posting Sheriff's proclamation,	1,000 00	
Advertising Sheriff's proclamation in three papers,	1,492 50	
Stationery and blanks for election officers,	1,994 50	
Recording elections in May and October,	200 00	
Miles and Longstreth, for copying returns, 1856,	50 00	
Making out books for election officers,	1,198 22	
Hoffman & Morwitz, for publishing proclamation, 1856,	577 50	
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Assessment Books, Indexing, &c.

Salaries of fifty-four Assessors,	16,200 00	
Do Assessors, 1856,	5,700 00	
List of taxables, 1856,	132 00	
Tax duplicates and stationery, 1858,	329 50	
Do do 1857,	330 00	
Indexing Assessors' books,	1,194 10	
Do and making out tax duplicates, 1857,	3,666 00	
Books for Assessors in making annual assessments,	299 70	
Comparing and correcting assessments,	250 00	
Board of Revision,	200 00	
Service to Board of Revision for '56,	650 00	
Printing and posting assessments,	4,999 45	
Do do extra do	1,900 00	
Reprinting assessments,	4,800 00	
Division books,	804 00	

Amount carried forward,	\$41,454 75	\$89,113 35
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STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$41,454 75	\$89,113 35
Seth Tennis, for making tax duplicate, First Ward, 1856,	376 50	
S. S. Kennedy, for making out and in- dexing tax duplicate, Second Ward, 1856,	486 85	
John Orr, for making out and indexing tax duplicate, Fourth Ward, 1856,	367 50	
E. Pew, for making out tax duplicate, Fifth Ward, 1856,	233 75	
R. Garrison, for making out and index- ing tax duplicate, Sixth Ward, 1856,	424 90	
A. Ettinger, for making out and index- ing tax duplicate, Twelfth W. 1856,	259 00	
E. J. Charnley, for making out and indexing tax duplicate, Thirteenth Ward, 1856,	443 80	
C. W. Ridgway, for making out and indexing tax duplicate, Fourteenth Ward, 1856,	403 90	
W. H. Comegys, for making out tax duplicate, Sixteenth Ward, 1856,	302 00	
John Heneson, for making out and in- dexing tax duplicate, Eighteenth Ward, 1856,	336 35	
S. P. Carpenter, for making out and indexing tax duplicate, Twenty-first Ward, 1856,	216 00	
C. F. Folwell, for making out and in- dexing tax duplicate, Twenty-second Ward, 1856,	330 40	
A. T. Kelly and Jas. Borie, for making out and indexing tax duplicate, Twenty-third Ward, 1856,	353 15	
Balance due S. Fort, for indexing tax duplicate, Twentieth Ward, 1856,	21 80	
H. S. St. John O'Niel, for indexing Assessors' book, Nineteenth Ward, 1857,	89 45	
Seri Fort, for indexing Assessors' book, Twentieth Ward, 1856,	147 10	
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$46,247 20	\$89,113 35

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$46,247 20	\$89,113 35
Mary A. Jones, estate of J. Jones, for indexing Assessors' book, Seventh Ward, 1856,	100 70	
Joseph Ralston, indexing Assessors' book, Eighth Ward, 1856,	74 90	
F. G. Troxell, for extra assessments, Thirteenth Ward,	8 00	
H. W. Speel, indexing Assessors' book, First Ward, 1855,	150 50	
Wm. Henwood, indexing Assessors' book, Sixth Ward, 1856,	124 10	
Jacob Waterman, indexing Assessors' book, second division Twenty-third Ward, 1857,	42 22	
Examining and correcting the tax duplicates of 1857,	400 00	
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Institutions.

Eastern Penitentiary, for support of convicts,	8,125 69	
House of Refuge,	20,000 00	
Do floating debts,	8,000 00	
Northern Home for Friendless Children,	1,000 00	
Union School and Children's Home,	1,000 00	
Pennsylvania State Hospital,	997 30	
	<hr/>	39,122 99

Coroner.

Joseph Delavau, bills and fees,	4,496 19	
Thomas O. Goldsmith's claim,	1,331 37	5,827 56

Commissioners.

Salaries of Commissioners,	4,140 77	
Clerk and Messenger,	1,166 56	
Stationery,	97 00	
Postage, Advertising and Printing,	487 79	
N. Jackson, Superintendent of office in July, 1855,	47 66	
	<hr/>	5,939 78
Amount carried forward,		\$187,151 30

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,		\$187,151 30
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>		
Logan Alcott, for coal to courts in 1856,	87 50	
John M. Reed, professional service,	250 00	
Randall & Meredith, for coal, 1856,	687 50	
Commissioners of Delaware county, suit of Robson vs. Schuylkill Navigation Company,	175 40	
John H. Gardiner, upholstering in 1856,	351 10	
Wm. H. Kern, for ice, 1856,	295 00	
Wolbert & Bro., do “	65 00	
Wm. Southwait, auditing Receiver of Taxes book, 1856,	50 00	
A. Smith, for upholstering,	23 00	
Henwood & Rickards, for wood fur- nished in 1855 and 1856,	82 94	
J. A. Irwin, for recording wills,	412 50	
J. B. Smith & Co., for books and stationery, 1856,	913 90	
A. McElroy, for City Directory,	2 00	
Jas. Stuart, repairs to clock,	5 00	
E. Schlemm, for warrant of 1853,	61 52	
Wooldridge & Metcalf, painting Law Buildings,	24 12	
A. E. Thomas, watchman at City Buildings in August, 1855,	41 66	
J. H. Pugh, locks,	25 93	
J. H. Jones, printing,	508 27	
Jesper Harding, printing Control- ler's Report in January, 1856,	435 50	
	<hr/>	\$4,497 84
Total,		<hr/> \$191,649 14

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

Salaries of Commissioner of City

Property, and Messenger,	\$1,999 94	
Stationery and office expenses,	253 53	
	<hr/>	2,253 47

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE.

Salaries of Collector and

Watchmen,	1,159 94	
Labor,	62 31	
	<hr/>	1,222 25

PUBLIC HALLS.

Salaries of Superintendents,	2,473 26	
Cleaning,	331 95	
Salaries of the Keepers and		
Regulators of Public Clocks,	499 95	
Cleaning and Repairing Public		
Clocks,	271 92	
	<hr/>	3,577 08

WIRE BRIDGE.

Salaries of Watchmen,	998 50	
Repairing and Painting,	1,478 21	2,476 71

PUBLIC SQUARES.

Salaries of Superintendents,	4,699 94	
Labor and other expenses,	3,334 99	8,034 93

STATE HOUSE.

Salaries of Watchmen,	2,499 70	
Salaries of Watchmen in the		
Steeple,	1,499 82	
Having the Urinaries removed,		
and other suitable arrange-		
ments for public convenience		
made,	450 00	4,449 52
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Amount carried forward,		\$22,013 96

STATEMENT 8.—*Continued.*

IMPROVEMENTS.

Amount brought forward		\$22,13 96
Improvements to Jefferson Square,	500 00	
Improvements to Norris Square,	1,592 57	
“ “ Fairmount Park,	285 44	
Improvements to Hunting Park and Salary of Superintendent,	3,962 63	
Repairs and Improvements,	1,797 35	
	<hr/>	8,137 99

COURT HOUSE AND OFFICES.

Repairs, Cleaning, and Supplies,	2,923 17	
Fuel for court room and offices,	1,145 93	
Salary of Janitor of the Grand and Petit Jury rooms,	600 00	
	<hr/>	4,669 10

RENTS AND TAXES.

North side of Girard Banking House, Law buildings, and rooms North East corner of Fifth and Chesnut streets,	7,625 00	
Ground Rents and Interest on Mortgages,	7,547 53	
Jonathan Mather for Ground Rent,	131 67	
Charles P. Fox, for Arrears of Ground Rent,	3,375 00	
Mortgage on Jefferson Square,	4,085 75	
“ Borough of Man- yunk,	2,987 79	
Interest on Mortgage, Fair- mount Park,	330 00	
	<hr/>	26,082 74

Amount carried forward \$60,903 79

STATEMENT No. 8—*continued*.

Amount brought forward	60,903 79
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Curbing and Paving,	311 61	
Charles Beine, for Curbing and Paving,	105 00	
G. M. Freeman's Claim,	1,420 00	
Moses Thomas' Claim,	1,565 55	
N. Le Brun, balance of claim,	139 85	
Insurance,	15 00	
James Longstreth, for Lumber,	54 28	
G. P. McLean, Gilt Frame,	10 00	
Small bills of 1856,	149 87	
		3,771 16
Total,		\$64,674 95

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, 1857.

Salary of Chief Engineer,	2,500 00
“ Register,	1,800 00
“ Chief Clerk,	1,000 00
Salaries of three Permit Clerks,	2,550 00
“ four Inspectors,	2,400 00
“ four Purveyors and Messenger,	3,100 00
Extra Clerk hire,	570 68
Salary of Chief Engineer, including house rent at Fairmount Works,	799 94
Salaries of two Assistant Engineers at Fairmount Works,	1,343 56
Salary of one Watchman at Fairmount Works,	499 95
Salaries of two Engineers at Del. Works, including house rent,	1,599 84
Salaries of five firemen at the Delaware Works.	2,310 00
Salaries of two Watchmen at the Delaware Works,	992 43
Salaries of two Engineers at Schuylkill Works,	1,400 00

Amount carried forward	\$22,866 40
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STATEMENT No. 8—*continued*.

Amount brought forward	22,866 40
Salaries of two Assistant Engineers at Schuylkill Works,	900 00
Salaries of ten Firemen at Schuylkill Works,	4,485 00
Salary of one Watchman,	499 95
Salaries of two Engineers, including house rent at 24th Ward Works,	1,599 84
Salaries of two Firemen at 24th Ward Works,	900 00
Coal for Fairmount Works,	273 00
“ “ Delaware “	4,074 95
“ “ Schuylkill “	14,377 35
“ “ 24th Ward “	1,286 49
Wood for the several works for kindling purposes,	287 44
Tallow and Oil for Schuylkill Works,	3,097 97
Tallow and Oil for Delaware Works,	798 93
Tallow and Oil for Fairmount Works,	1,335 58
Tallow and Oil for 24th Ward Works,	373 52
Repairs to Fairmount Works, including Labor, Lumber and other Materials,	4,984 17
Repairs to Delaware Works,	1,187 61
“ Schuylkill “	3,587 66
“ 24th Ward “	539 98
Small Stores, Tools, Soap, White and Red Lead, &c., for all the Works,	917 96
Packing, Hemp and Gum for all the Pumps and Engines,	987 61
Iron pipes, Fire plugs, Stopcocks, Branches and other Fixtures, connected with the laying of pipe and setting of plugs,	41,568 30

Amount carried forward \$110,929 71

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	110,929 71
Labor connected with laying pipes and setting plugs,	18,292 20
Keeping in order pipes, plugs and fixtures and making new attachments,	13,810 77
State Tax on all the Works,	418 50
Keeping the Grounds & Reser- voirs in good order,	3,568 68
Books and stationery, printing and advertising, binding, fuel for office, posting bills, cleaning office, ground-rent on shop, carriage hire for Committee, and incidentals,	2,982 65
Painting buildings at Fairmount and Schuylkill works,	610 75
Connecting water pipes in the Fifteenth Ward with the wa- ter main on Thompson street,	3,680 85
To pay the President and Man- agers of the Schuylkill Navi- gation Co., for the City's half of a certain judgment ob- tained by Jonathan and An- drew Robeson for damages sustained by raising Fair- mount dam,	14,000 00
	<hr/> 168,294 11

BILLS OF 1856.

Lewis Chester & Co., for oakum,	158 80
Wooldridge & Metcalf, for painting engine,	206 50
J. & H. Jones, for brass castings,	715 05
Richard Trinick, for blacksmith work,	92 54

Amount carried forward, 1172 89—168,294 11

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	1172 89—168,294 11
Geo. Megee, for brass and copper bolts,	41 25
C. S. Close, measuring pipes,	26 22
J. Bomersshine, for carpenter work,	37 18
Stileman & Co., for stopcocks and fireplugs,	1,049 80
Wages in laying pipes as per Pay rolls,	5,196 43
Repairing pipes and plug stops,	1,396 33
Wm. H. Knight, for hardware,	147 00
J. B. Evans, for bricks,	42 50
Sundry small bills,	98 33
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	9,207 93

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

For one-half the expense of planking and raising the dam at Fairmount to the proper height, the other half of said expense to be defrayed by the Schuylkill Navigation Co.,	2,465 98
For other repairs to dam and repairs to fore-bay,	1,717 78
Repairs to reservoirs of Delaware Works,	1,995 61
Repairs to reservoirs of Schuylkill Works,	981 44
Repairs to reservoirs of Fairmount Works,	999 48
To pay John D. Hester amount of Water rent overpaid by him in 1856,	5 00
For the purchase of iron pipes, plugs, stopcocks, and other materials necessary for laying pipes and to pay for labor in laying and fitting up the same,	14,985 67—23,150 96
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Total,	\$200,653 00

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES.

Salaries.

Samuel C. Thompson, Com- missioner,	737 90	
William Lamb, Commissioner,	162 10	
Clerks of Markets,	4,349 75	5,249 75
Repairs to Markets,	2,938 19	
Printing and Advertising,	57 55	
Stationery,	115 92	
Cleaning and Office expenses,	122 20	
Weights and Measures,	121 25	
Ground Rent,	750 00	4,105 11

Bills of 1856.

Ground rent,	750 00	
C. Hubbard, painting,	210 00	
H. Snyder & Son, painting,	168 25	
H. S. Powell, Lumber,	78 83	
D. M. Smith, “	13 41	
Barnes & Strang, Carpenter work,	132 25	
Joseph Weimer, Plastering,	40 00	
J. W. Hicks, Gas fitting,	16 00	
Morris, Tasker & Co., Iron work,	16 17	
Wm. H. Sickels, Printing,	7 00	
Joseph Severns, Advertising,	5 00	
Wm. Potts, Salary,	33 33	
N. Bornman, “	25 00	1,495 24
Isaac Covington, bill of 1855, special appropriation,	16 66	
Edward C. Graff, Richmond orders, 1854,	189 75	206 41
Total		11,056 51

DEPARTMENT OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

Cleaning Docks,	740 00	
Repairing Wharves,	1,848 17	
Repaving Wharves,	1,192 99	
Labor,	7 50	
Ground Rents,	279 17	
Advertising,	112 22	
Total,		4,180 55

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS.

Salaries.

Chief Engineer and Surveyor,	3,000 00	
District Surveyors,	6,000 00	
Recording Clerk,	800 00	
Draftsman,	800 00	
Messenger,	500 00	
	<hr/>	11,100 00
Stationery,	249 42	
Record Books and Blanks,	125 00	
Carriage Hire,	297 00	
Office expenses	276 76	
Printing and Advertising,	47 75	
	<hr/>	995 93
Grade Regulations, south of Eric Avenue, 8th District,	381 00	
Adjustment of lines, Second Division, Twenty-first Ward,	860 00	
Revision of Grades, Manayunk,	1,336 00	
Resurvey, &c., in Germantown,	795 00	
Street lines and curb heights in Frankford, Bridesburg, &c.,	502 00	
Surveys in Tenth Survey Dist.	637 50	
Plan of First Section, Kingses- sing,	90 00	
Work done in Second Section, Kingsessing,	1,292 50	
Curb Regulations in Blockley,	220 00	
Land marks,	244 20	
Obtaining position and size of culverts,	728 50	
Work ordered by Councils,	2,312 00	
	<hr/>	9,398 70
<i>Bills of 1856.</i>		
Re-survey in Germantown,	800 50	
Carriage Hire,	124 00	
	<hr/>	924 50
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$22,419 13

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$22,419 13
<i>Bills of 1854.</i>	
Thomas Clark, warrant, No.	
846, Highway Department,	69 00
Isaac Shallcross, work done in	
Twenty-third Ward,	162 16
Work done in Passyunk,	614 50
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	845 66
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Total,	23,264 79

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries.

Chief Engineer,	1,200 00	
Assistant Engineers,	2,000 00	
Clerk,	799 98	
	<hr/>	3,999 98
Rent of office,	200 00	
Carriage Hire,	75 00	
Printing and Advertising,	212 63	
Stationery and Stamps,	51 96	
Cleaning and office expenses,	134 66	
	<hr/>	674 25

Appropriations to Fire Engines.

America,	400 00
Assistance,	400 00
Columbia,	400 00
Columbia (Germantown),	200 00
Decatur,	300 00
Delaware,	400 00
Diligent,	400 00
Fairmount,	400 00
Fellowship,	200 00
Franklin,	400 00
Franklin (Frankford),	300 00
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Amounts carried forward,	\$3,800 00	\$4,674 23
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STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amounts brought forward, \$ 3,800 00 \$4,674 23

Franklin (Germantown),	200 00	
Friendship,	400 00	
Globe,	400 00	
Good Intent,	400 00	
Good Intent (Germantown),	200 00	
Good Will,	400 00	
Hand in Hand,	400 00	
Hibernia,	400 00	
Hope,	400 00	
Humane,	400 00	
Independence,	400 00	
Liberty,	200 00	
Manayunk,	200 00	
Mechanic,	400 00	
Monroe,	300 00	
Mount Airy,	100 00	
Northern Liberty,	400 00	
Philadelphia,	400 00	
Phoenix,	400 00	
Reliance,	400 00	
Southwark,	400 00	
Spring Garden,	400 00	
United States,	400 00	
Union,	100 00	
Vigilant,	400 00	
Washington,	333 34	
Washington, (Frankford,)	300 00	
Washington, (Germantown,)	200 00	
Weccacoe,	400 00	
Western,	400 00	
West Philadelphia,	300 00	
Wissahickon,	50 00	
	<hr/>	14,283 34
Amount carried forward,		\$18,957 57

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward, \$18,957 57
Hose Carriages.

America,	400 00
Cohocksink,	200 00
Diligent,	333 34
Fairmount,	400 00
Franklin,	400 00
Germantown,	200 00
Good Intent,	333 34
Good Will,	400 00
Hope,	333 34
Humane,	400 00
Independence,	200 00
Marion,	400 00
Neptune,	400 00
Niagara,	400 00
Nicetown,	200 00
Northern Liberty,	200 00
Pennsylvania,	400 00
Perseverance,	400 00
Philadelphia,	400 00
Ringgold,	400 00
Robert Morris,	400 00
Schuylkill,	400 00
Shiffler,	400 00
South Penn,	400 00
Southwark,	400 00
Taylor,	400 00
United States,	400 00
United,	400 00
Union,	250 00
Vigilant,	400 00
Warren,	400 00
Washington,	400 00
Western,	400 00
William Penn,	400 00
West Philadelphia,	300 00
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	12,550 02
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$31,507 59

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward, \$31,507 59

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANIES.

Empire,	400 00	
Excelsior,	200 00	
Mantua,	300 00	
Protection,	400 00	
Rescue,	200 00	
	<hr/>	1,500 00

STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

S. Ewing, (Chief Engineer,)	77 77	
E. Creighton,	450 00	
S. P. Fearon, (hauling engine and oiling hose,)	34 75	
J. Galbraith, Wood,	21 93	
J. B. Baxter, Materials,	16 00	
Jno. Agnew, Repairs,	6 00	
C. Andress, Measuring,	1 00	
	<hr/>	607 45

Bills of 1856.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE HOUSE.

C. D. Supplee, Carpenter work and Superintendence,	551 00	
Emanuel Tryol, Painting,	317 17	
Geo. R. Johnson, Tin Roof,	194 40	
Davis Supplee, Plastering,	100 00	
J. B. Baxter & Bro., Hardware,	110 00	
Samuel Sloan, Designs,	25 00	
Wm. Allen, Door-Knobs,	15 00	
P. Shern, Flags and Labor,	15 20	
Ogden Campbell, Measuring,	55 00	
R. Evans, Measuring,	18 40	
J. F. Jackson, “	8 84	
A. Miller, Tile and Fire Brick,	2 24	
J. Agnew, Repairs,	180 00	
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Amounts carried forward, \$1,592 25—33,615 04

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amounts brought forward,	\$1,592 25—\$33,615 04	
A. L. Crawford, Oil and Brushes,	19 77	
J. S. Parry, Chief Engineer, (Special,)	70 13	
Jos. Manuel, Gas Fitting,	55 87	
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ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANIES.

Assistance Engine,	100 00	
Hibernia “	100 00	
Weccacoe “	100 00	
Good Will Hose,	100 00	
Ringgold “	100 00	
Washington “	100 00	
Good Will Engine, (Special,)	133 00	
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ENGINES AND HOSE COMPANIES, 1855.

Assistance Engine,	225 00	
Good Will “	225 00	
Hibernia “	225 00	
Southwark “	275 00	
Spring Garden “	225 00	
Washington “	225 00	
Weccacoe “	275 00	
Diligent Hose,	225 00	
Good Intent Hose,	225 00	
Good Will “	225 00	
Hope “	225 00	
Niagara “	275 00	
Northern Liberty “	375 00	
Ringgold “	375 00	
United States “	375 00	
Washington “	225 00	
Western “	225 00	
	<hr/>	4,425 00

Total,

40,511 06

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Salaries.

Solicitor, Assistants and Clerk, \$	6,857	50	
Additional Clerk hire, (Special App.,)	133	32	
			6,990 82
Books and Stationery,	293	62	
Printing,	149	54	
Service of Subpœnas,	150	00	
Witness fees, and certified copies of papers and plans,	209	25	
Care of Office,	12	61	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	202	45	
Advertising,	194	18	
Law Books for Department,	49	88	
			1,261 53

Advertising Liens.

Pennsylvanian,	1,148	50	
Evening Argus,	1,133	87	
Press,	31	65	
Evening Bulletin,	28	20	
			2,342 22

Prothonotaries' Costs.

Supreme Court,	81	62	
District Court,	483	25	
Court of Common Pleas,	1,416	15	
Costs in Suits,	12	50	
			1,993 51
Sheriff's Costs,			4,107 57

Amount carried forward,			\$16,695 65
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STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,		\$16,695 65
<i>Special Appropriations.</i>		
Adrianna Physick, ground rent extinguishmt's,	1,000 00	
Wm. B. Mann, District Att'y, bills and fees,	1,668 50	
George M. Howell, Clerk of Quarter Sessions, fees,	1,932 25	
George Megee, Sheriff's costs,	1,693 12	
		6,293 87
William Wilson's judgment,	1856,	589 98
Abel Jeanes do	"	278 43
George E. Hall do	"	225 00
R. & S. H. Jones do	"	4,142 21
John N. Henderson, copying papers, Court of Common Pleas Office,	1856,	499 90
James G. Gibson, copying Papers, Court of Common Pleas Office,	1856,	360 00
Thomas Fletcher, Prothonotary's costs	"	248 87
Jacob Smith, repairing blinds, Court House, 1856,		150 34
M. Brock, work done for the City, 1856,		520 00
John N. Henderson, indexing Assesors' books, 1856,		84 94
R. F. Morrell, carpenter work, Register of Wills Office, 1856,		643 44
Samuel Hibbs, judgment 1856,		298 04
Albert Miller's do "		275 90
John Lentz' do "		273 25
Edward G. Lindsey's do "		398 57
Charles Burd, money refunded, 1856,		84 37
John Clayton, fee as Examiner, &c., 1856,		150 00
		9,223 24
Henry T. Grouts, judgment, 1855,		769 86
Mary Ann Kirk, Richmond orders, 1854,		98 01
James Goodman, Solicitor, N. L., "		200 00
J. C. Brightly, professional services, N. L., 1854,		162 25
M. Monaghan, breach of contract, Richm'd, "		620 84
Wm. Gunn, to use of C. Stewart, gravel, "		243 88
Leonard Myers, professional services, Belmont, 1854.		206 00
		1,530 98
Total,		34,513 60

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CONTROLLER.

Salaries.

City Controller and Chief Clerk,	3,700 00
Assistant Clerks and Messenger,	7,360 40
Temporary Clerks for Finance Committee,	519 44
Amount carried forward,	11,579 84

STATEMENT No. 8—*continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$11,579 84
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Printing Annual Statement.

Evening Argus,	625 00	
Pennsylvanian,	625 00	
Hoffman & Morwitz, pamphlet form and binding,	100 00	
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		1,350 00
Stationery,		300 57
Cleaning office,		135 68
Incidentals, fuel, furniture, advertising, &c.,		299 36
Salary—bill of 1856,		33 33
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Total,		\$13,698 78

DEPARTMENT OF CITY TREASURER.

Salaries.

F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer,	1,797 94	
Wm V. McGrath, do do	1,202 06	
Clerks & Officers,	4,250 00	
Temporary Clerk hire,	849 80	
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		8,099 80
Stationery.	868 78	
Printing and binding,	467 00	
Advertising,	121 13	
Office expenses,	426 38	
Coal,	73 62	
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		1,956 91

Special Appropriations.

State Taxes,	190,000 00
Interest on Temporary Loan,	987 50

Bills of 1854.

William Binder, Treasurer District of Penn,	100 00
Samuel F. Fisher, Richmond, Script,	65 55
Henry T. Grout, professional services, District of Penn,	650 00
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Total,	\$201,859 76

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

DEPARTMENT OF RECEIVER OF TAXES.

Salaries.

Receiver,	2,500 00	
Chief Clerk,	999 99	
Assistant Clerks & Messenger,	5,599 84	
Temporary Clerks,	4,816 59	
	<hr/>	13,916 42
Tax Duplicates, 21st, 22nd and 23d Wards,	541 00	
Books and Stationery,	848 50	
Tax Duplicates for Aldermen,	1,200 00	
Printing and Advertising,	780 93	
Filing & Advertising Claims,	214 25	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	204 70	
Building Fire Proof,	571 16	
	<hr/>	4,360 54

ADVERTISING DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS
OF 1856.

Evening Argus,	1,080 00	
Pennsylvanian,	1,080 00	
N. American & U. S. Gazette,	1,080 00	
	<hr/>	3,240 00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

New Fire Proof, and removing old one,	75 00	
Expense of Agents in 1856,	579 78	
Delivering Tax Bills in 1855,	9 00	
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Total,	\$22,180 74	

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

DEPARTMENT OF CLERKS OF COUNCILS.

SALARIES.

Clerks, Messengers and Door-keeper,	6,619 88
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PRINTING.

James Gibbons,	2,811 47
Crissy & Markley,	2,808 25
Thomas H. Town,	1,838 07
Bicking & Guilbert,	691 95
B. F. Jackson,	564 38
Hoffman & Morwitz,	44 00
B. F. Mifflin,	27 00
William Y. Owens,	31 00
J. F. Clarkson,	22 50
John C. Davis, Paper,	540 92
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	9,379 54

ADVERTISING.

Evening Argus,	2,527 24
Pennsylvanian,	2,377 62
Philadelphia Democrat,	1,040 10
N. American & U. S. Gazette,	843 75
Pennsylvania Inquirer,	10 25
Public Ledger,	1 38
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	6,800 34

BINDING.

George S. Lare,	607 50
Crissy & Markley,	368 25
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	975 75
Books and Stationery,	691 56
Carriage Hire,	977 00
Carpeting,	427 00
Cleaning and Making Fires,	325 48
Repairs and Furniture,	180 63
Postage and Incidentals,	210 35
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	2,812 02

Amount carried forward,	<hr/>	\$26,587 53
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STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$26,587 53
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Obsequies of the late Dr. E. K.		
Kane,	1,000 00	
John D. Miles, Extra Services,	300 00	
Copies of Consolidation Act		
and Supplements,	75 00	
Hempfield R. R. Committee,	70 76	
	<hr/>	1,445 76

BILLS OF 1856.

William Sanderson & Son, Arm		
Chair,	12 00	
N. American & U. S. Gazette,	88 76	
Evening Argus,	20 50	
B. Rourke, Carriage Hire, (Special,)	60 00	
	<hr/>	181 26
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Total,		\$28,214 55

LIGHTING THE CITY.

Lighting, Extinguishing,		
Cleaning, and Repair-		
ing Public Lamps,	\$ 212,160 00	
New Lamps erected du-		
ring the year,	2,530 22	
New Lamps lighted du-		
ring the year,	2,289 19	
Altering Fluid Lamps to		
Gas,	331 45	
Repairs during the year,	1,675 04	
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Total,		\$ 218,985 90

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 1857

Salaries of the Professors of the High School, Teachers of the Normal School and Sectional Schools, Secretary, Clerk and Mes- senger at the office of the Board, and Secretaries of the Sectional Boards,	\$ 300,196 06	
Rents,	19,762 57	
Repairs,	20,971 51	
Furnaces and Stoves,	6,548 97	
Cleaning,	28,372 12	
Furniture,	5,571 67	
Printing and Incidentals,	2,386 86	
Night School Expenses,	16,217 09	
Additional Teachers,	468 33	
Rent of additional buildings,	660 91	
Fuel,	17,525 61	
Ground Rents,	9,214 23	
Water Rents and Gas,	788 29	
Books and Stationery,	34,999 68	
Printing,	2,115 14	
Advertising,	475 40	
Morris, Tasker & Morris, for Furnaces,	4,277 00	
Porterage for Books, Car- riage hire and Incidentals,	1,235 53	
Library for Normal School,	300 00	
Rent of Office,	875 00	
High School commencement,	50 00	
Paving Granite St.,	114 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 473,126 72

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Rebuilding Levering School House,	\$ 3,500 00	
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Amounts carried forward,	\$3,500 00	\$473,126 72

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amounts brought forward,	\$3,500 00	\$473,126 72
Re-insuring Philosophical Apparatus and Cabinet, High School,	180 00	
Fitting up a new room for Primary School, No. 1, Fifth Section, and paying additional rent,	246 00	
Jas. S. Smith, rent of School house, Dunton st., 16th Section,	60 00	3,986 00
Total,		<u>\$ 477,112 72</u>

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Salaries of the Officers of the Health Office,	\$7,820 00	
“ “ “ at the Lazaretto,	5,358 35	
“ “ “ and Nurses City Hospital,	1,575 61	
		<u>14,753 96</u>

EXPENSES OF CITY HOSPITAL.

Board of Watchman and Nurses,	386 95	
“ Patients,	559 62	
Coffins and Digging Graves,	131 00	
Iron Bedsteads,	49 50	
Coal, Wood and Hauling,	299 22	
Horse and Keep,	177 29	
Medicines,	136 41	
Ice,	35 93	
Bedding and Straw,	26 00	
Wagon for the Sick,	83 58	
Repairs and Miscellaneous,	149 94	
Carriage Hire and Omnibus Tickets, for Sanitary Committee,	240 00	2,275 44

EXPENSES OF THE LAZARETTO STATION.

Carrying the Mail,	145 00	
Clothing, Bedding, Brushes, Soap and Hospital Furniture,	376 46	
Amounts carried forward,	<u>\$ 521 46</u>	<u>\$ 17,029 40</u>

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amounts brought forward,	\$ 521 46	\$ 17,029 40
Medicines, Lime and Chloride,	166 21	
Coffins,	90 00	
Coal, Wood, Oil and Fluid,	101 50	
Filling Ice House,	72 29	
Horse Keep,	5 00	
Taxes,	69 28	
Carriage Hire and Railroad Tickets for Lazaretto Committee,	237 00	
Board of Patients, Nurses and Barge- men,	486 15	
Repairs,	161 13	
Outer Channel Visits,	261 00	
	<hr/>	2,171 02

EXPENSE OF HEALTH OFFICE.

Taxes, Fuel, Gas, Water-Rent and Repairs,	324 09	
Printing and Publishing,	793 20	
Stationery and Blanks,	248 75	
Office Furniture, Postage, Cleaning and other Incidentals,	120 38	
Carriage Hire and Omnibus Tickets for Poudrette Committee,	100 00	
Carriage Hire and Omnibus Tickets for District Committees,	198 50	
	<hr/>	1,784 92

REMOVAL OF NUISANCES.

Kain & Schafer, two Bills on account, Contract at Broad and Prime Streets,	7,551 93	
John Kain, Sundry Bills,	948 69	
John Schafer, " "	237 38	
Nathan Coleman, " "	300 27	
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Amounts carried forward,	\$ 9,038 27	\$ 20,985 34

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amounts brought forward,	\$ 9,038 27	\$ 20,985 34
William A. Banes,	387 94	
Sundry Small Bills,	572 68	
	<hr/>	9,998 89
Salaries of Vaccine Physicians,		1,198 98
To pay Hugh McNenny,		71 36

REMOVAL OF NUISANCES—1856.

Kain & Schafer on account, Contract		
Broad and Prime Streets,	4,000 00	
William A. Banes, Sundry Bills,	841 00	
John Kain, " "	732 21	
Nathan Coleman, " "	53 99	
Sundry Small Bills,	175 61	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,802 81
Total,		\$38,057 38

GUARDIANS OF THE POOR, 1857.

Flour and Corn Meal,	25,480 57	
Beef, Mutton, Bacon and		
Pork,	21,356 56	
Sugar, Molasses, Tea, Coffee		
and Provisions,	30,972 20	
Linen, Woolen and Cotton		
Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats		
and Combs,	6,861 82	
	<hr/>	84,675 15

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Marketing and Provisions for		
Sick, and Nurses in Hospital		
and Lunatic Asylum,	3,499 31	
Drugs and Medicines,	3,981 83	
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Amounts carried forward,	\$7,481 14	\$84,675 15

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amounts brought forward,		\$7,481 14	\$84,675 15
Groceries, Butter, Lard, Oat and Cake Meal,	803 39		
Brandy for the use of the Sick,	118 62		
Wine, “ “ “	956 07		
Whiskey, “ “ “	495 79		
Porter, “ “ “	742 50		
Surgical Instruments and Re- pairs,	290 06		
Leeching,	175 00		
Incidentals,	199 60		
	<hr/>	11,262 17	

CHILDREN'S ASYLUM.

Supplies to Matron's table,	420 42		
Groceries and Provisions,	89 68		
Hats, Shoes, Linen, Woolen and Cotton Goods for Boys' and Girls' Clothing,	1,213 71		
Trimmings for Children's cloth- ing and combs,	48 35		
Incidental Expenses,	247 78		
School Books,	73 07		
	<hr/>	2,093 01	

MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT.

Leather,	1,690 97		
Tallow and Caustic Alkali,	1,080 15		
Coal, Iron and Steel,	213 31		
Tin, Glass, Paints, Varnish, Oil, Glue and Brushes,	699 82		
Tools and Weaving Utensils,	39 79		
Shoe Findings,	98 16		
Chain and Filling,	2,992 67		
Incidental Expenses,	178 58		
	<hr/>	6,993 45	

Amount carried forward,	<hr/>	\$105,023 78
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STATEMENT No. 8—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward, 105 ,023 78

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Repairs to stoves, ranges and other cooking apparatus,	1,381 75	
Repairs,	2,360 51	
Plumbing,	997 27	
Furniture,	342 65	
Hardware and crockery ware,	798 73	
Lumber,	1,365 02	
Straw,	1,598 95	
Tobacco,	1,209 61	
Soap, candles, lime and starch,	498 81	
Yarn,	145 80	
Oil,	2,572 99	
Brushes and brooms,	504 48	
Horse feed,	1,562 10	
Cleaning sinks and chimneys,	369 81	
Porterage,	600 00	
Repairing and regulating clock,	80 50	
Blacksmith work,	213 35	
Thread, cotton and trimmings,	287 23	
Toll and clothes lines,	81 15	
Swill,	54 70	
Seed, farming utensils and repairs,	315 84	
Repairs to engine, pumps and machinery,	295 73	
Manure and repairs to meadow banks,	281 38	
Board of Assistant Farmer,	130 00	
Travelling expenses of the house agent,	99 92	
Incidental expenses,	399 49	
	<hr/>	18,547 77
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$123,571 55

STATEMENT No.8—*continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$123,571 55
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SALARIES.

Salaries of steward, clerk, house agent, store keeper, matron, door-keeper and agent's clerk,	5,420 00	
Salaries of chief resident physician, apothecary, assistant apothecary, leecher and cupper and engineer,	4,399 88	
Salaries of matron and teacher in the children's asylum,	550 00	
Salaries of superintendent of manufactory, farmer and gardener,	1,730 00	
Salaries of Sec'y of the Board, Out-door Agent, Wagon-driver and Messenger,	2,380 00	
Salaries of Out-door Visitors,	5,328 12	
" " Apothecaries,	932 98	
" " Physicians,	1,459 56	
Salary of Moral Instructor,	50 00	
Wages on Pay Roll, Chargeable to		
Expenses,	1,499 98	
" " " Medical Department,	4,304 31	
" " " Children's Asylum,	484 00	
" " " Manufactory,	261 45	
" " " Farm,	176 44	
	<hr/>	28,976 72
Coal for Almshouse and Hauling,	9,303 50	
Wood for Almshouse,	2,296 02	
	<hr/>	11,599 52
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$ 164,147 79

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward, \$ 164,147 79

OUT-DOOR ACCOUNT.

Support and Bastardy cases,	9,943 86	
Rent of Visitors' Offices,	732 59	
Cupping and Leeching,	380 00	
Burial of Small Pox and other cases,	143 50	
Ground Rent of City Office,	180 00	
Costs of Suits in Desertion and other cases,	249 94	
Board and attendance of Patients, City Hospital,	185 91	
Carriage Hire to and from the Alms-house,	998 00	
Stationery, Printing and Advertising,	994 59	
Removal of Non-residents,	298 33	
	<hr/>	14,106 72

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Fuel for 1st Poor District,	2,672 88	
Other purposes, 1st Poor District,	991 00	
Fuel for 2nd " "	3,425 07	
Other purposes, 2nd " "	1,294 65	
Fuel for 3rd " "	8,557 51	
Other purposes, 3rd " "	4,375 62	
Fuel for 4th " "	2,194 17	
Other purposes, 4th " "	952 25	
Fuel for 5th " "	2,376 40	
Other purposes, 5th " "	1,293 00	
Fuel for 6th " "	4,000 00	
Other purposes, 6th " "	1,421 39	
Fuel for 7th " "	875 33	
Other purposes, 7th " "	623 60	
Fuel for 8th " "	1,000 00	
Other purposes, 8th " "	745 05	
Fuel for 9th Poor district,	685 21	
Other purposes for 9th Poor district,	500 00	
Fuel for 10th Poor district,	340 58	
Other purposes for 10th Poor district,	499 25	
	<hr/>	38,822 96
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$217,077 47

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$217,077 47
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DEFICIENCY OF 1856.

Supplies,	17,682 75	
Medical Department,	4,113 95	
Children's Asylum,	261 52	
Incidental Expenses,	3,191 04	
Manufactory,	1,202 64	
Farm.	337 29	
Blockley Estate,	713 11	
Wages,	582 30	
Out-door Relief,	7,881 46	
Poor ^o f Manayunk,	241 20	
		36,207 26

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS,

To pay S. P. Brown Salary as Out-door		
Physician, in 1856,	20 00	
To pay B. Quigley for carriage hire	143 00	
To pay W. B. Thomas for Oat meal		
furnished in July and August, 1856,	42 00	
		205 00
Total,		253,489 73

INSPECTORS OF THE PRISON.

Salaries of Officers,	20,345 83	
Wheat and rye flour and corn		
meal,	8,646 26	
Beef, mutton, and pork,	6,721 14	
Groceries,	5,144 50	
Oil and soap,	797 24	
Potatoes and vegetables generally,	920 77	
Drugs and Medicines,	576 00	
Hay, feed and straw,	407 26	
Omnibus tickets,	150 00	
Printing and stationery,	502 53	
Brushes and hardware,	520 56	
Tobacco for prisoners,	265 80	
Milk and ice,	235 72	
Hops, malt, lime and buckets,	160 45	

Amount carried forward	\$45,394 06
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STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	45,394 06	
Discharge of Prisoners, as per Act of Assembly,	152 50	
Water rents,	514 00	
Hospitals,	310 16	
Overwork of Prisoners,	1,352 90	
Miscellaneous,	597 50	
Fuel,	4,249 48	
Clothing and bedding,	2,853 32	
Lumber and other materials,	2,996 51	
Gas,	883 11	
	<hr/>	59,303 54

DEBTORS' APARTMENT.

Salary of keeper,	700 00	
Fuel,	164 91	
Gas,	128 19	
Supplies and Subsistence,	848 93	
	<hr/>	1,842 03

BILLS OF 1856.

Supplies debtors' apartment,	102 48	
Lighting " "	81 98	
	<hr/>	184 46
Total		<hr/> 61,330 03

TRUSTEES OF THE CITY ICE BOAT.

Repairs,	6,309 80
Fuel,	5,123 39
Wages,	2,941 48
Provisions,	812 61
Wharfage,	304 50
Insurance,	210 00
Printing and advertising,	34 40
Inspection and towing of boat,	30 00
Stationery and incidentals,	12 10

Amount carried forward \$15,778 28

STATEMENT No. 8.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward \$15,778 28

BILLS OF 1856.

Repairs,	11,885 87	
Wages,	77 17	
Wharfage,	41 50	
	<hr/>	12,004 54
	Total,	\$27,782 82

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Books and Stationery,	44 13	
Clerk's Salary,	50 00	
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Total,		\$94 13

STATEMENT No. 9.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF TRUST FUNDS IN DETAIL.

GIRARD ESTATE.—REAL ESTATE.

Water Rents,	1,523 30
Taxes,	29,820 73
Salaries of Superintendent,	
Agents, and Messenger,	3,700 00
Lands out of the County,	2,602 23
Permanent Improvements to	
Real Estate,	2,572 38
General Repairs,	10,363 88
Inside Painting,	2,148 74
Outside Painting,	1,474 99
Paper and Hanging,	2,976 49
Annuities,	1,100 00
Miscellaneous Expenses, Gas,	
Fuel, Stationery, Printing,	
Advertising & Counsel Fees,	2,937 30

Amount carried forward, \$61,220 04

STATEMENT No. 9.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$61,220 04
Lighting Delaware Avenue with Gas,	1,038 22
Taxes not previously provided for,	999 85
Alterations and Repairs to Real Estate on Coates Street,	3,000 00
Constructing Culverts, Chestnut and Vine Streets and Delaware Avenue,	2,400 00
General Repairs, (Additional,)	3,000 00

BILLS OF 1856.

Taxes on Lands out of the County,	2,348 10	
Permanent Improvements,	382 69	
General Repairs to Real Estate,	636 12	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	271 47	
Lighting Del. Avenue with Gas,	870 86	
	<hr/>	4,509 24

GIRARD COLLEGE FOR ORPHANS.

Subsistence,	26,037 61
Clothing and Bed Clothing and Outfit of Pupils,	16,859 40
Salaries of Matron and Assistant Matron,	1,200 00
Salaries of Governess and Prefects,	3,168 75
Salaries of two Physicians,	600 00
Salary of Steward,	1,000 00
Salary of Dentist,	300 00
Wages,	8,112 64
Furniture and Repairs to Furniture,	1,420 33

Amounts carried forward, \$58,698 73 \$76,167 35

Amounts brought forward,			\$58,698	\$7376,167	35
Fuel,	2,746	42			
Gas,	1,357	13			
Incidentals,	1,484	31			
Improvement of Grounds,	1,357	15			
Repairs to Buildings,	1,994	19			
				<u>67,585</u>	93

EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Salary of the President,	3,000	00			
Salary of the Instructor of English, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy,	1,800	00			
Salary of the Instructor of Drawing, Writing and Book Keeping,	1,700	00			
Salary of the Instructor of French and Spanish,	1,200	00			
Salary of the Assistant Teacher Primary Department,	1,400	00			
Salary of the Teacher of English Studies,	1,000	00			
Salary of the Teacher of Vocal Music,	700	00			
Salary of Principal, 1st and 2d Assistants in Primary Dep't.,	2,683	33			
Salary of Recording Secretary, Sup't of Binding Out and Messenger,	1,650	00			
Philosophical Apparatus and Fixtures for the same,	366	31			
School, Library and Chapel Furniture,	2,002	20			
Books, Stationery, Printing and Advertising,	2,030	79			
Materials and Utensils for Chemical Laboratory,	241	74			

Amounts carried forward, \$19,774 37 \$143,753 28

STATEMENT No. 9.—*Continued.*

Amounts brought forward,	\$19,774 37	\$143,753 28
Additional Instruction and to supply Teachers when re- quired,	104 17	
Expenses of binding out Pupils,	61 46	
Rewards of Merit,	234 46	
	<hr/>	20,174 46
Bedding and other Furniture for Additional Orphans as provided by Ordinance, ap- proved Dec. 6th, 1856,		2,489 93
New Buildings within the Walls,		4,940 56

BILLS OF 1856.

Subsistence,	167 76	
Clothing,	60 45	
Furniture and Repairs,	48 60	
Fuel,	30 87	
Improvement of Grounds,	105 35	
	<hr/>	413 03
Total,		<hr/> \$171,771 26

CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE
GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.

Legacy of Esther Waters, Fuel,	2,864 24	
“ George Emlen, “	226 46	
“ James Dutton, food,		
clothing, &c.,	262 28	
“ A. Thompson, flour,	200 21	
“ Wm. Carter, bread,	92 63	
Total,		3,645 82

SUPERINTENDENT OF TRUSTS.

City Fuel Fund,	378 73	
Fund created by Acts of As- sembly,	186 47	
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> 565 20	

STATEMENT No. 9.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	565 20
Girard Fuel Fund,	511 87
John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000, (City Loan),	669 25
John Scott's Legacy of \$3,000, (City Loan),	672 00
Benjamin Franklin's Legacy, (City Loan),	1,901 00
Paul Beck's Legacy, (Soup),	500 00
S. Scottin's Legacy (Bread),	12 00

GIRARD'S BEQUEST FOR THE USE OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE
FIRST SECTION OF THE FIRST SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PENN-
SYLVANIA.

John J. Franklin, Treasurer, Fifth Ward,	104 50
J. C. Cooper, Treasurer, Sixth Ward,	104 50
Robert W. Beatty, Treasurer, Seventh Ward,	104 50
J. D. Budd, Treasurer, Eighth Ward,	104 50
James Freeborn, Treasurer, Ninth Ward,	104 50
Jos. Cooper, Treasurer, Tenth Ward,	104 50

FRANKLIN AND SCOTT'S LEGACIES.

Salary of Superintendent,	150 00
Stationery and Incidentals,	58 39

Total, 5,666 71

WILLS HOSPITAL.

House Expenses,	3,539 52
Salaries and Wages,	1,373 94
Medical Department,	581 19
Repairs to Real Estate,	308 86

Amount carried forward, \$5,803 51

STATEMENT No. 9.—*Continued.*

Amount brought forward,	\$5,803 51
Investment in City Loan, per Special Appropriation, Dec. 22d, 1857,	373 00

BILLS OF 1856.

House Expenses,	366 14	
Salaries and Wages,	175 38	
Medical Department,	104 48	
Repairs to Real Estate,	231 38	
	<hr/>	877 38
Total,		<hr/> 7,053 89

THOMAS D. GROVER'S ESTATE.

Annuity of Mary Grover,	1,200 00	
“ Catharine Grover,	100 00	
“ Priscilla Grover,	300 00	
“ Sophia Grover,	100 00	
A. W. Rand, Furnace and Fix- tures.	187 82	
Introducing water pipe into house in Twenty-fourth Ward,	33 90	
Water Rent and Insurance,	18 00	
Repairs to house No. 12 Federal street,	55 70	
Taxes on “ “ “	42 45	
“ Estate, for 1857,	264 38	
Incidentals,	43 21	
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Total,		2,345 46

STATEMENT No. 10.

THE FUNDED DEBT OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

DECEMBER 31st., 1857.

Amount of 5 and 6 Per Cent. Loans that become due at the following periods.

Year.	When Payable.	Five Per Cents.	Year.	When Payable.	Six Per Cents.	Total.
1858.	January,	60,700 00	1858.	January,	54,250 00	114,950 00
	July,	54,800 00		July,	1,278 26	56,078 26
		115,500 00			55,528 26	171,028 26
1859.	January,	92,894 20	1859.	January,	3,000 00	95,894 20
	July,	19,000 00		July,	320 80	19,320 80
		111,894 20			3,320 80	115,215 00
1860.	January,	726,943 65	1860.	January,	343,187 00	1,070,130 65
	July,	129,700 00		July,	35,076 55	164,776 55
		856,643 65			378,263 55	1,234,907 20
1861.	January,	167,173 16	1861.	January,	88,500 00	255,673 16
	July,	16,700 00		July,		16,700 00
		183,873 16			88,500 00	272,373 16
1862.	January,	68,800 00	1862.	January,	32,000 00	100,800 00
	July,	49,600 00		July,	6,196 49	55,796 49
		118,400 00			38,196 49	156,596 49
1863.	January,	116,300 00	1863.	January,	57,643 00	173,943 00
	July,	100,000 00		July,	3,815 00	103,815 00
		216,300 00			61,458 00	277,758 00
1864.	January,	52,000 00	1864.	January,	47,320 00	99,320 00
	July,	82,700 00		July,	440 00	83,140 00
		134,700 00			47,760 00	182,460 00
1865.	January,	16,600 00	1865.	January,	100,740 00	117,340 00
	July,	389,437 47		July,	2,900 00	392,337 47
		406,037 47			103,640 00	509,677 47

STATEMENT No. 10—*continued.*

Year	When Payable.	Five Per Cents.	Year.	When Payable.	Six Per Cents.	Total.
1866.	January,	2,000 00	1866.	January,	1,500 00	3,500 00
do	July,	65,500 00		July,	29,370 32	94,870 32
		67,500 00			30,870 32	98,370 32
1867.	January,	153,600 00	1867.	January,	34,906 28	188,506 28
	July,			July,	50,920 75	50,920 75
		153,600 00			85,827 03	239,427 03
1868.	January,	124,454 04	1868.	January,		124,454 04
	July,			July,	103,527 39	103,527 39
		124,454 04			103,527 39	227,981 43
1869.	January,	100,293 15	1869.	January,	5,853 00	106,146 15
	July,			July,	1,880 20	1,880 20
		100,293 15			7,733 20	108,026 35
1870.	January,	122,800 00	1870.	January,	136,548 58	259,314 58
	July,			July,	40,467 61	40,467 61
		122,800 00			176,982 19	299,782 19
1871.	January,	133,400 00	1871.	January,	207,795 66	341,195 66
	July,			July,	28,750 00	28,750 00
		133,400 00			236,545 66	369,945 66
1872.	January,	97,600 00	1872.	January,	119,250 00	216,850 00
	July,			July,	14,300 00	14,300 00
		97,600 00			133,550 00	231,150 00
1873.	January,	100,900 00	1873.	January,	595,489 53	696,389 53
	July,			July,	71,359 00	71,359 00
		100,900 00			666,848 53	767,748 53
1874.	January,	53,900 00	1874.	January,	113,061 70	166,961 70
	July,			July,	100 00	100 00
		53,900 00			113,161 70	167,061 70

STATEMENT No. 10.—*Continued.*

Year.	When Payable.	Five Per Cents.	Year.	When Payable.	Six Per Cents.	Total.
1875.	January, July,	15.000 00	1875.	January, July,	106.000 00 8 500 00	121.000 00 8.500 00
		15.000 00			114.500 00	129.500 00
1876.	January, July,	9.400 00	1876.	January, July,	180.091 80 437.662 10	189.491 80 437.662 10
		9.400 00			617.753 90	627.153 90
1877.	January, July,	2.000 00	1877.	January, July,	36.376 00 245.501 67	38.376 00 254.501 67
		2.000 00			290.877 67	292.877 67
1878.	January, July,	2.000 00	1878.	January, July,	90.031 45 221.800 00	92.031 45 221.800 00
		2.000 00			311.831 45	313.831 45
1879.	January, July,	2.000 00	1879.	January, July,	27.800 00 250.000 00	29.800 00 250.000 00
		2.000 00			277.800 00	279.800 00
1880.	January, July,	76.198 42	1880.	January, July,	352.145 80 227.400 00	428.344 22 227.400 00
		76.198 42			579.545 80	655.744 22
1881.	January, July,	32.600 00	1881.	January, July,	1.279.520 64 340.000 00	1,312.120 64 340.000 00
		32.600 00			1,619.520 64	1,652.120 64
1882.	January, July,	9,400 00	1882.	January, July,	20.000 00 375.000 00	29.400 00 375 000 00
		9.400 00			395.000 00	404.400 00
1883.	January, July,	3,000 00	1883.	January, July,	152.501 10 252.753 47	155.501 10 252.753 47
		3.000 00			405.254 57	408.254 57

STATEMENT No. 10—*continued.*

When Year. Payable.	Five Per Cents.	When Year. Payable.	Six Per Cents.	Total.
1884. January, July,	10.600 00	1884. January, July,	1.002.000 00 348.800 00	1.012.600 00 348.800 00
	10.600 00		1.350.800 00	1.361.400 00
1885. January, July,	3.850 00	1885. January, July,	851.900 00 701.100 00	855.750 00 701.100 00
	3 850 00		1.553.000 00	1.556.850 00
		1886. January, July,	1.000.000 00 1.300.000 00	
			2.300.000 00	2.300.000 00
		1887. January, July,	800.000 00 256.409 84	
			1.056.409 84	1.056,409 84
		1888. January, July,	225.000 00	
			225 000 00	225.000 00
		1889 January, July,	764.200 00 250.000 00	
			1.014.200 00	1.014,200 00
		1890. January, July,	500.000 00 250.000 00	
			750.000 00	750.000 00
		1891. January, July,	250.000 00	
			250.000 00	250.000 00

STATEMENT No. 10.—*Continued.*

Year.	When Payable.	Six Per Cents.	Total.
1892.	January, July,	925.000 00	
		925.000 00	925.000 00
1893.	January, July,	159 800 00; 22.413 51	
		182.213 51	182.213 51
1894.	January, July,	30.000 00	
		30.000 00	30.000 00
1904.	January,	44.552 23	
		44.552 23	44.552 23

STATEMENT No. 10.—*Continued.*

RECAPITULATION.

YEARS.	FIVE PER CENTS.	SIX PER CENTS.	TOTALS.
1858	115,500 00	55,528 26	171,028 26
1859	111,894 20	3,320 80	115,215 00
1860	856,643 65	378,263 55	1,234,907 20
1861	183,873 16	88,500 00	272,373 16
1862	118,400 00	38,196 49	156,596 49
1863	216,300 00	61,458 00	277,758 00
1864	134,700 00	47,160 00	182,460 00
1865	406,037 47	103,640 00	509,677 47
1866	67,500 00	30,870 32	98,370 32
1867	153,600 00	85,827 03	239,427 03
1868	124,454 04	103,527 39	227,981 43
1869	100,293 15	7,733 20	103,026 35
1870	122,800 00	176,982 19	299,782 19
1871	133,400 00	236,545 66	369,945 66
1872	97,600 00	133,550 00	231,150 00
1873	100,900 00	666,848 53	767,748 53
1874	53,900 00	113,161 70	167,061 70
1875	15,000 00	114,500 00	129,500 00
1876	9,400 00	617,753 90	627,153 90
1877	2,000 00	290,877 67	292,877 67
1878	2,000 00	311,831 45	313,831 45
1879	2,000 00	277,800 00	279,800 00
1880	76,198 42	579,545 80	655,744 22
1881	32,600 00	1,619,520 64	1,652,120 64
1882	9,400 00	395,000 00	404,400 00
1883	3,000 00	405,254 57	408,254 57
1884	10,600 00	1,350,800 00	1,361,400 00
1885	3,850 00	1,553,000 00	1,556,850 00
1886		2,300,000 00	2,300,000 00
1887		1,056,409 84	1,056,409 84
1888		225,000 00	225,000 00
1889		1,014,200 00	1,014,200 00
1890		750,000 00	750,000 00
1891		250,000 00	250,000 00
1892		925,000 00	925,000 00
1893		182,213 51	182,213 51
1894		30,000 00	30,000 00
1904		44,552 23	44,552 23
	\$3,263,844 00	\$16,624,972 73	\$19,888,816 82

STATEMENT No. 10.—*Continued.*

Total amount of Loans, as per the preceding State- ment,	\$ 19,888,816 82	
To which add amount of Loans unpaid, and due prior to Jan., 1857,	46,902 07	
Balance of Loans due and unpaid, Jan. 1st, 1858,	73,065 71	
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Total Funded Debt,		\$20,008,784 60
Amount of Funded Debt, as per last Annual State- ment,	\$ 19,471,177 43	
To which add Loans made during the year 1857, as follows, viz. :		
Sunbury & Erie Railroad,	250,000 00	
Philadelphia Gas Works,	60,200 00	
Road Damages, Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph,	23,300 00	
Loan of \$ 800,000 00,	338,100 00	
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	\$ 20,142,777 43	
From which deduct Loans paid during the year 1857, as follows, viz. :		
Amount paid due 1845,	1,000 00	
" " 1854,	1,000 00	
" " 1855,	7,276 00	
" " 1856,	* 8,290 99	
" " 1857,	† 116,425 84	
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	\$ 133,992 83	
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		\$ 20,008,784 60
1856, Six per Cents.,	* { 634 90	
" Five " "	{ 7,656 09	8,290 99
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1857, Six per Cents.,	† { 32,525 84	
" Five " "	{ 83,900 00	116,425 84
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STATEMENT No. 11.

Showing the Stocks held by the City of Philadelphia in various Companies under the care of the City Treasurer.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company,	\$5,000,000
North Pennsylvania Railroad Company,	1,400 000
North Western Railroad Company,	750,000
Hempfield Railroad Company,	600,000
Schuylkill Railroad Company,	4,000
Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company,	2,250,000
Blockley and Marion Plankroad Company,	10,060
Belmont Avenue Plankroad Company,	10,000
Branchtown and Germantown Turnpike and Plankroad Company,	100
West Philadelphia Canal Company, Stock & Loan,	10,000
Schuylkill Permanent Bridge Company, (394 shares)	
Balance,	1,536
Philadelphia Tow-Boat Company,	7,500
Moyamensing Gas Company,	1,200
Delaware & Schuylkill Canal Company, 500 shares	
Cairo City and Cairo Canal Company, 10 "	
Philadelphia & West-Chester Turnpike Company, 80 "	
Delaware County Turnpike Company, 20 "	
Haverford Plankroad Company, 80 "	
Arbon Land Company, 10 "	

NOTE.—In addition to the foregoing, there has been issued to the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, on the Loan authorised by City Councils, Ordinance, July 13, 1855,

466 400

STATEMENT No. 12.

Showing the Outstanding Warrants of 1855, the amount paid thereon in 1857, and the amount remaining unpaid

Amount Outstanding as per Annual Statement of City Controller, dated January 17, 1857,	\$222,221 18
Amount paid, omitted by City Controller in his reports dated January 17, and July 10, 1856, Department of Highways,	
“ City Commissioners,	4,875 67
“ Supplying Water,	8,103 82
“ Law,	866 76
“ City Controller,	13 70
“ Purposes therein mentioned,”	250 00
	605 44
	\$236,936 57

DEPARTMENTS, &c.	OUT- STANDING JAN. 1, 1857.	PAID 1857.	OUT- STANDING JAN. 1, 1855.
Department of Police,	\$68,591 65	\$60,099 72	\$8,491 93
“ Highways,	53,581 82	58,457 49	
“ City Commissioners,	1,607 78	9,711 60	
“ City Property,	4,620 17	3,797 02	823 15
“ Supplying Water,	7,142 24	8,009 00	
“ Market Houses,	1,421 15	1,190 47	230 68
“ Wharves and Landings,	49 08	31 25	17 83
“ Surveys,	2,023 83	1,724 38	299 45
“ Fire,	3,952 42	2,652 42	1,300 00
“ Law,	3 30	17 00	
“ City Controller,	250 00	500 00	
“ City Treasurer,	4 12		4 12
“ Receiver of Taxes,	429 60	429 60	
“ Clerks of Councils,	616 19	558 16	58 03
“ Lighting the City,	6,861 84	4,312 29	2,549 55
Controllers of the Public Schools,	45,466 05	36,172 98	9,293 07
Board of Health,	1,897 13	1,529 35	367 78
Guardians of the Poor,	17,144 29	15,409 25	1,735 04
Inspectors of the Prison,	4,930 26	3,979 13	951 13
Trustees of the City Ice Boat,	346 38	276 38	70 00
Vaccine Physicians,	75 00	75 00	
Rochester Delegation,	600 00	600 00	
Old Corporations,	89 52		89 52
Fitting up State House,	70 30		70 30
Purposes therein mentioned,	198 41	803 85	
Special purposes of Police, &c.,	243 65	25 00	223 65
TOTAL,	\$222,221 18	\$210,361 34	\$26,575 23
Amount paid in 1857,			210,361 34
			\$236,936 57

STATEMENT No. 14.

Showing the amount of Outstanding Warrants of 1857.

DEPARTMENTS, &C.	AMOUNT.
Department of Police,	72,990 59
Highways,	76,624 31
City Commissioners,	23,929 17
City Property,	16,819 54
Supplying Water,	22,493 81
Market Houses,	1,241 33
Wharves & Landings,	851 15
Surveys,	11,232 40
Fire,	5,734 02
Law,	15,899 51
City Controller,	196 86
City Treasurer,	1,764 09
Receiver of Taxes,	314 75
Clerks of Councils,	3,456 47
Lighting the City,	68,875 46
Controllers of Public Schools,	141,292 35
Board of Health,	4,555 08
Guardians of the Poor,	48,695 78
Inspectors of the Prisons,	17,563 44
Trustees of the City Ice Boat,	6,451 18
Commissioners of the Sinking Funds,	5 63
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	\$540,992 98

STATEMENT No. 15.

Showing the Expenses for "Stationery, Printing and Publishing," during the years 1855, 1856 and 1857.

DEPARTMENTS, &c.	1855.	1856.	1857.
Police, Payments in 1857, on Bills of 1856 included,	1,749 84	1,950 28	1,599 78
Highways, " " " "	5,086 67	1,300 65	1,372 24
City Commissioners, " " " "	36,878 57	27,318 91	17,285 04
City Property,	247 96	150 00	253 53
Supplying Water, Payments in 1857, on Bills of 1856 included,	2,405 62	1,845 23	1,176 45
Market Houses, " " " "			
1856 included,	373 72	205 00	185 47
Wharves and Landings,	212 05	88 31	112 20
Surveys,	1,022 23	903 20	422 17
Fire,	148 57	406 10	264 59
Law,	9,514 65	8,099 73	3,029 44
City Controller,	4,660 49	3,014 53	1,650 57
City Treasurer,	4,862 42	2,050 61	1,456 88
Receiver of Taxes, Payments in 1856, on Bills of 1855 included,	19,904 91	4,142 26	5,083 68
Clerks of Councils, " " " "			
1855 included,	57,262 66	22,919 13	15,847 49
Lighting the City,	17 14		
Public Schools, Payments in 1856, on Bills of 1855 included,	66,453 56	39,956 58	37,386 54
Board of Health,	805 71	1,354 45	710 08
Guardians of the Poor,	2,755 37	1,539 84	1,000 00
Inspectors of the Prison,		713 02	487 03
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,			44 13
City Ice Boat,			36 60
	\$214,462 14	\$117,957 83	\$89,403 91

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
City of Philadelphia, ss :

On the 11th day of January, A. D. 1858, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, an Alderman in and for the said City, Stephen Taylor, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing statement of the finances of the said City is just, correct and true, having been carefully compared with the vouchers on file in the Controller's Department.

S. TAYLOR, *City Controller.*

Sworn and subscribed before me the date above written. Witness my hand and seal,

E. JARED MEGONEGAL, *Alderman.* [SEAL.]

APPENDIX No. 79.

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR.

*To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia,*

GENTLEMEN:—The requirements of law, uniting with the obligations of duty, make it incumbent on the executive head of the City, to transmit to Councils this annual communication.

During the year 1857, the management of those Departments, which are properly denominated Departments of the Municipal Government, under the Act of Consolidation, has been signalized by economy, promptness, honesty, and efficiency. No ground exists, on which can justly be based, either censure or complaint as to the operations of these administrative branches of our municipal system. The experience of the past year confirms the opinion expressed in my annual communication to Councils on the 8th of January, 1857, that a revision of the law establishing these Departments is absolutely necessary. The duties imposed on some of them are incongruous. There is a positive necessity for a supervisory, and at the same time directing authority, which shall have a practical as well as theoretical existence. The nearer our municipal system of administration approaches that of our federal government, the more easily can the people comprehend it. The various and important interests which are identified and connected with municipal government, should be managed by an organism of the simplest construction. To effect this, it is of the highest consequence, that direct accountability, wise economy, energy, simplicity, promptness, and certainty in all administrative details should mark the character of that system which regulates and protects these interests. A revision so desirable, however, had better not be attempted, unless it is begun, carried on and ended in a spirit of enlightened devotion to the

public good. Political prejudices, partisan schemes, individual theories, contesting for control, should be condemned as at open war against the substantial welfare of the people. Any attempt at legislation on this subject, which such motives or incentives originate, will result disastrously to the public, and in the discomfiture of its originators. To trifle with the vast complications which create, and exist in, a municipality, is unwarranted and indefensible. Above all is such an effort indefensible, when the real motive is to make these great interests, associated under municipal care and protection, the prey of mere political gambling for party aggrandisement or success. The effort may enlist the profligate or unreflecting, but they who will surely loose are the masses of the community. Their self-protection and self-interest will defeat, at the crisis of such an effort, its authors and its objects. Such an experiment is not worth undertaking. If the great ends of good government can be attained by the revision suggested, I shall be rejoiced, but it is far better that no such attempt be made, unless the wisest and purest influences unite for its success.

The government of a large City is a machinery of no inconsiderable complications. Its component compositions are not necessarily in harmonious action. Though constituting a nominal unity, they are segregations in fact, deriving their powers from different sources, and hence holding no direct responsibility to one controlling authority. It is unjust, therefore, to attempt to fix on an executive chief of an administration of municipal affairs, so constituted, an accountability for its imperfect or unsatisfactory results. Every sensible observer will discover defects and imperfections, but the cause of their existence should not be mistaken for the inability to prevent their development.

The cost of such an establishment is most frequently taken as a criterion by which to judge of its value, its workings, and the objects and ends it accomplishes. There is no principle of criticism more unsound

—none more unworthy of an enlightened constituency. Government is a necessity. Its requirements are fundamental. Its ends incontrovertible. Its structure and its powers are created by those on whom it operates. Upon what principle, then, can such a system be judged by the cost which its existence involves. That which is best administered is best, provided economy and honesty are patent in every investigation into its operations. The welfare, health, happiness and security of the public, are the great aims of municipal organization. These cannot be secured without paying for the means by which they are procured. The funds to discharge these disbursements are raised by taxation. The taxes are the yearly quota each citizen pays not only for his own welfare, health, happiness and security, but also for their general benefits, as evidence of municipal character. Each citizen thus receives a direct and an indirect advantage. Surely it is the narrowest of all narrow foundations, for a fair judgment of any administration of municipal affairs, to base it solely on the number of cents in the dollar, these benefits, advantages and results, yearly cost the citizen. This principle, carried out to its conclusion, would result in this, that no-government is best, because it costs nothing. There are numerous vital and absorbing considerations, which should enter into the estimate of the character of the management of our municipal affairs, which rarely receive due attention from the best informed and most critical. How irrational, how far short of that enlarged and comprehensive estimate of the policy and measures of a municipal government, which protects, cherishes, and facilitates industry, trade and business in all its subdivisions, is it, to judge its administrative character by the cost of paving new streets, lighting the highways, supporting the poor, and punishing the crime throughout the municipality. Economy in the disbursements of the public money is not only proper, but it is a paramount duty, yet it is not the only single and alone standard, by which to decide on the administrative ability of those entrusted with adminis-

tration, or the legislative wisdom of those, who make municipal laws.

Within the past two years, the disbursements for City expenses, present an example of the erroneous judgment, if formed on the basis alluded to. The appropriation bills for 1857, included the sum of nearly one million of dollars for which taxation was imposed in that year, which property belonged to the expenses of the years 1854, 1855 and 1856. Those who were forced to raise this sum by taxation, had no lot or part in contracting this debt, which was thus to be paid.

When the estimated receipts for the year 1857 were anticipated, no one surmised that a default in payment of interest on large investments by the City would take place before the year ended. Here are two causes, which, on the principle of judging administrative capacity by dollars and cents, if unnoticed and unexplained, would produce unjust censure of those wholly unaccountable for their existence. The financial criterion, though the most common, is not always the most correct. It is popular because it is easily understood by those who profess to understand, and who find the federal coinage the most ready weight to place in one balance, when in the other they put the whole character of municipal government.

The policy which often produces expenditure of public money, though examined and approved at the time, will not bear a review after experience has thrown its light upon it. How rare is it, however, to put the responsibility where it belongs. On the contrary, the efforts of those who were no parties to this policy, who were its opponents even at the time it was approved by a then majority of the people, but who being now charged with the conduct of public affairs, are bound, by honor and good faith, to carry it out, are made the recipients of that public dissatisfaction which should attach to their predecessors. If this financial standard is to continue as the only one by which the administration of our City government is to be judged, then the term of service in the legislative and executive departments is too short.

I fully acknowledge the direct responsibility of public agents to their constituents, but let it be for acts for which they are undoubtedly and admittedly accountable.

It is a cause for serious regret, that so much personality is connected with all discussion of municipal affairs. The executive magistrate of a city is too often considered in his individual, and not in his representative character. Whatever is liable to animadversion, is narrowed down to a controversy, personal in its nature, as to the incumbent of the mayoralty. He is not judged by his official conduct, character or policy, or by the measures adopted, or the results attained by his official labors. This would not be so likely to furnish food for opposition. But he is made to bear the penalty of every disappointment, selected as the cause of every defection, held responsible for every defeat, to which the hopes, selfishness and aspirations of the zealous, anxious and solicitous have been subjected. This is neither honest nor just. The clamor, vituperation and falsehood thus engendered may be unworthy of notice ; still the unthinking are influenced thereby. Efforts to reach the respect and favor of the people are paralyzed by impediments thus accumulating, without a reasonable foundation, and in themselves, too unimportant to invite attention. It is unworthy of a generous constituency, and fatal to a laudable ambition, thus to carp at a public officer if his single purpose is admittedly the public good. Without the opportunity to vindicate himself, he at least should have the benefit of an impartial, unprejudiced trial before the entire community. Above all, should he be judged by local measures and policy, and not be brought into controversies foreign to municipal concerns.

A large amount of the information which the annual message of the Mayor to the Councils should contain, is to be derived from the several departments. The act of consolidation has never been so construed as to make it obligatory in these departments to make to the executive such reports. They report to Councils directly, and at the earliest period in the year they are

enabled to do so. While every department is most willing to give any information required, and some of them report directly to the executive, yet it is almost impossible to present now a full statement of the operations of all the public offices. I would suggest for the consideration of Councils the propriety of causing the annual reports of these offices to be transmitted to the Mayor during the first month of every year. The effect of this rule would be, that our constituents could have presented to them in one publication, and, at the same time, the reports, opinions and suggestions of each chief of department of the city government. For comparison and reference, this might be valuable. The operations of each year would stand by themselves, of easy access and readily understood. These reports are now difficult to find—made at different periods, not collected in a volume, and thus rendered of comparatively little use.

During the past year the city of Philadelphia has received from a large number of sister cities in various parts of the Union, their corporate laws and ordinances. The receipt of these tokens of municipal courtesy have been acknowledged by me, and it is submitted to Councils to take such further action on the subject as they may deem proper.

FINANCES.

The appropriations made by Councils for the six months of the year 1854, (the first half year of consolidation,) for the estimated expenses of that period, amounted, in the aggregate, to the sum of \$3,296,442 36

Rate of taxation on assessed value :

City, 1.50 ; State, 0.30.

For the year 1855, the aggregate appropriation was - - - \$5,401,740 07

Rate of taxation:—City, 1.50 ; State, 0.30.

For the year 1856, the gross sum of \$4,268,375 53 was appropriated.

Rate of taxation :—City, 1.90 ; State, 0.30.

For the year 1857, - - - \$4,170,251 75
Rate of taxation:—City, 2.00 ; State, 0.30.

For the year 1858, estimated without interest on city debt, \$2,250,000 00.

Rate of taxation:—City, (probably,) 1.80; State, 0.25.

These figures indicate that the pledges given to the public in the spring of 1856, have been faithfully carried out; for although it became necessary in 1857 to increase the rate of taxation, it was as I have before stated, to meet the indebtedness created by the deficiencies of 1855 and 1856.

It is not necessary, for a more full understanding of the exposition thus made, to do more than state these facts; they speak for themselves. That the public expenditures are carefully guarded is apparent, so far as they are within the direct control of the legislative and executive authority of the City. It is eminently unjust to hold the City authorities responsible for those public establishments which use the public money, and are conducted by officers who hold their position by the suffrages of the people. It is assuming too much to ask that the City Councils, though the tax-levying power, should be required to go behind the action of the majority of the people, to decide on the competency of their elected agents to manage these public institutions. The wrong, if any exists, is attempting to hold one class of public agents responsible for the action of the public itself. It is a very easy mode of avoiding self censure and responsibility, to seek to shift on others the accountability which properly attaches to our own acts. If fraud exists in any public establishment, and efforts are made to detect or expose it, the proper and legal punishment, which should be inflicted on the guilty, is lost sight of in the great effort to fix on somebody else, the results of the action of a majority of the voters of the City. The right to vote makes it the duty of voting for municipal agents, which the law requires thus to be selected, and if the people refuse to take part, or, in taking part, do not seek to ascertain the fitness and capacity of the candidate, the responsibility of his official conduct, if elected, directly falls on those

who have a right to the electoral franchise, and nowhere else.

These remarks are suggested in this place because the management of the financial affairs of the City is imposed on the City Councils, and yet they are, to a certain degree, utterly powerless to wholly direct the disbursements of the Departments of Schools, Poor, Gas, Health, and others, which have a separate and independent existence—an existence municipal in its nature, but yet independent of municipal control.

There is no more arduous and responsible duty imposed on Councils than estimating in advance for City expenses. The only mode by which it can be effected is by analogy. The estimated costs and the estimated receipts are taken as the basis on which appropriations are made and taxation assessed. It is impossible thus to provide for every expense, as it is to anticipate with certainty the exact period of the receipt of all sums payable. The consequence is, that unforeseen expenses will accrue, and unexpected deficiencies will arise. These two sums always constitute a yearly floating indebtedness of greater or lesser amount, to be settled during the current year, or at its termination.

The anxiety to meet public expectations, founded on the financial criterion of public judgment on the City authorities, demands that taxation should be kept at the lowest point. It is not a wise policy; it is not a wise economy; but public opinion requires it, regardless of its injurious effect on the public credit. Until this question of municipal taxation assumes its proper place in the public estimation, until it is revised and systematized, and made stable and fixed; until all that owe the public treasury, for value which municipal government gives, are made to pay its just proportion; until what is expended of necessity is met by available income; until one taxation exists in the City, for all purposes of City and State support; until taxation ceases to have connection with partizan politics; then, and not until that period arrives in our history, will our financial condition bring general satisfaction.

I respectfully ask your attention to the following suggestions made on the subject, in my communication of January 8, 1857 :—

A tax of “two and a-half mills” yearly is taken from all the counties of the State, and from this City, for State purposes, under its various tax laws. These are not adapted to the relations the several counties bear to the City. The object of the taxes imposed is revenue. If Philadelphia was authorized to pay in advance, yearly, to the State, her proportion of the State taxes, and in consideration of the payment in advance, be allowed, through the City Councils, to have the exclusive taxing power within the City limits, the percentage of tax would be reduced, and the burden equalized, because the municipal representatives could best understand the nature, kind, character and amount of property, real and personal, in the City, which should be made to yield its share of the general tax. It would then be within the power and intelligence of Councils to assess all such property and determine the rate, while the cost would be scarcely more than is now paid for assessing and collecting the City tax. The advantage to be attained by such a policy would be equalization and reduction of taxation. More than this, it would bring within the influence of the spirit of improvement, property idle by reason of the high rate of the assessed tax on real estate, and it would open a field for investment of money now seeking profit at the expense of the mechanical industry of the people. Increase in the basis would thus reduce the percentage to be raised for revenue, and the burden being lighter, and nearly equally borne, a practical progress would be made in the system of municipal taxation.

In order to indicate the practicability of this plan, the conclusions from the following statement will suffice :

The real and personal estate in the City of New York was assessed for the year 1857, at

Real Estate,	\$352,958,803 00
Personal,	168,206,449 00
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	\$521,175,252 00

The rate of tax levy on this sum is $\frac{64}{100}$ per hundred dollars, giving \$8,058,008 55

This sum of eight millions is independent of receipts from water, market, and other corporation revenue.

In the year 1849 the total value of real and personal estate was, \$256,194,143 00

The rate of tax levy was $\$1.78\frac{32}{100}$, giving \$3,005,762 00

The real and personal estate in the City of Philadelphia assessed for year 1857, for City revenue, was \$147,689,340 00

The tax levied was \$2 per hundred dollars.

(See App. C. C. J., p. 688.)

The real and personal estate in the City of Philadelphia assessed for the year 1857 for State purposes, (See Auditor General's Report) as follows:

Real Estate,	} \$163,979,653 00
Personal Estate,	

For the year 1858 the tax to be levied will be about \$1.80 on the hundred dollars—a reduction since last year of twenty cents in the hundred dollars.

If, then, the City Councils had the exclusive power within the corporate limits of raising the revenue for State and municipal purposes, with the requisite authority to designate the property liable for revenue, and to equalize the assessments, and thus produce an equality in the tax levied, it is easily perceived that the per centage of taxation would be reduced about a nominal figure compared with the present exhibits.

It is worthy of remark, that the valuation of the real and personal estate in the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania, for the year 1857, on which the State tax is laid, amounts to the sum of \$568,770,234 00

The real and personal estate in the City of New York alone is valued at the sum of 521,175,252 00

And on this sum the State and municipal tax is assessed.

The State of Pennsylvania received from the City of Philadelphia, in the year 1857 :

For auction commissions,	\$19,300 00
For auction duties,	46,592 15
Tavern licenses in Philadelphia, say,	80,000 00

\$145,892 15

For State tax on valuation of real and personal estate in Philadelphia,	\$514,736 00
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Thus, from these four items alone, the State receives from the City of Philadelphia the sum of	\$660,628 15
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more than one-third of the assessed taxes of the entire State.

There are other sources of large revenue which the State possesses by taxation within the City of Philadelphia, not included in the above items. So that more than one-half of the State revenue is imposed upon the City of Philadelphia. It will thus be seen that the real and personal estate in Philadelphia for 1857, is valued at \$147,689,040, on which municipal tax is laid. Yet, the State tax is assessed not only on that sum, but on the additional sum of \$15,290,613. The Commonwealth receives a tax on this last sum for its purposes, which is unassessed for municipal revenue.

Our assessments for municipal purposes, as they are now made, must operate most unequally, when the effort continues to be to put them at a figure which will exempt our property from paying nearly all the revenues of the State. The proportion, the assessed value of the real and personal estate of Philadelphia bears to that of the whole State of Pennsylvania is al-

most one-third. These facts are worthy of consideration in connection with the suggestions already made.

It is a subject for congratulation, that in spite of the gloomy forebodings which the suspension of specie payments by the banks occasioned, the City of Philadelphia has maintained her honor and credit. When it is considered that the interest on the City's indebtedness was promptly paid, at the same time over one million of dollars were due for taxes from her citizens, the Councils of the City, and the Committee of Finance, and the City Treasurer, are entitled to the gratitude of every honest man.

I respectfully suggest that more stringent means be applied to compel the payment of overdue taxes. To deprive the city of so large a sum of money as is now outstanding, amounts to more than an embarrassment. If instead of publishing the list of delinquent taxpayers, Councils would authorize these claims with a certain per cent. added as a penalty, to be collected by agents to be nominated by the Receiver of Taxes, and confirmed by the Select Council, it would realize for the City a large sum now carried to the account of registered taxes. By dividing the City into four districts, with an agent for each, who should be required to give ample security and pay weekly to the City Treasurer, great advantage would result to the treasury by a prompt receipt of overdue taxes. This plan would not cost a single penny to the treasury, as the penalty for non-payment would cover this expense for collection. The agents for overdue taxes could render aid as clerks in the department.

Since the organization of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, much has been effected to place the management of the securities on a sound foundation. The report as to its condition and the general City account hereto annexed fully explain themselves :

General City Account.—Receipts and Payments.

1857.

Jan. 1. To balance on hand,	\$731,488 47
Dec. 31. To receipts from all sources,	4,681,710 58
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	4,803,199 05
Dec. 31. By payments, all accounts,	4,315,160 95
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Dec. 31. By balance,	488,038 10
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Trust Account.—Receipts and Payments.

1857.

Jan. 1. To balance on hand,	65,332 40
Dec. 31. By receipts from all sources,	207,949 85
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	273,282 25
Dec. 31. By payments, on all accounts,	192,424 65
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Dec. 31. By balance,	80,857 60
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1857.

Warrants countersigned, all accounts,	4,009,411 39
“ paid, “	3,630,515 78
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Warrants outstanding, of 1857,	378,895 61
Warrants of 1856, outstanding January 1, 1857,	\$581,913 47
Warrants of 1856, paid during 1857, - -	474,283 83
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Warrants of 1856, now outstanding, -	107,629 64
Warrants of 1855, outstanding January 1, 1857. - - -	\$222,221 18
Warrants of 1855, paid during 1857,	207,949 85
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Warrants of 1855. now outstanding,	14,271 33
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	\$500,796 58
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Resources.

Balance in Treasury as above,	\$488,038	10
“ of tax duplicate of 1857,	826,553	53
“ “ “ 1856,	322,049	58
“ “ “ 1855,	114,775	87
“ “ “ 1854,	149,012	71
	—————	1,900,429 79

NOTE.—In the balance of the Tax Duplicate for 1857, there is to be deducted the amount of discount allowed during the year. It was \$81,657 57.

The Total of the Tax Duplicate for 1857,	\$2,906,010	63
Paid,	2,079,457	10
	—————	\$826,553 53
Less discount, as above,		81,657 57
		—————
		\$744,895 96

Sinking Funds.

Amount received from all sources,	\$149,260	35
“ paid, (invested,)	86,606	38

The above is included in the Receipts and payments, General City Account.

The City Treasurer has *passed to the credit* of the several Sinking Funds (not paid) the sum of \$35,926 75, exclusive of the above.

In this connection, I would call the attention of Councils to the propriety of requiring the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to examine and report to Councils a plan for the more economical management of the several trust states with which the City is now charged. These trusts cost the treasury a considerable sum annually, and from which nothing is received in return. Each of these trusts should at least bear its pro rata share of the expenses thus incurred. A change, if lawful, might be made in the investments, in order to increase the revenue they yield.

Very much has been said in regard to the depression in the current value of city warrants. However much this state of things is to be deplored, no sound or practicable remedy can be found in temporary legislation.

If the people fail in the prompt payment of their indebtedness to the City, it requires no financier to know that the City cannot promptly pay its indebtedness to individuals. The whole subject of municipal finance requires careful investigation, in order that a system may be carefully matured and adopted which will place our municipal credit beyond the influence of constant or continued fluctuations.

I respectfully suggest that a commission be created by Councils to take the subject into consideration. The term for which the Councils are elected is too short to enable a committee of both branches to mature a plan, which when reported and adopted can be put into practical operation. The public mind is now fully prepared for this course of action by our municipal legislature. I venture to hope, if it is adopted, not only will our city finances be wisely systematized and reformed, but equal satisfaction will result to the public. Such an effort will at least palpably demonstrate the desire of the present representatives of the people to meet the demands of a predominant necessity for some intelligent review and re-organization of our present financial system. If the commissioners thus to be selected for this purpose are citizens whose undisputed qualifications are to be the only test of their fitness for the task, the whole community will cheerfully endorse the wisdom of the plan thus proposed. When the results of their labors are reported to the Councils for public examination, ample opportunity can be afforded for a full expression of public opinion on the measures that may be recommended.

The present system of making assessments, if it can be called a system, which seems rather to be the result of individual caprice, requires investigation and reform. Our taxes are in fact less than cities of equal size in area or in amount of population. The real estate elsewhere is assessed at some uniform standard of value, and thus the rate of taxation appears less than that in Philadelphia. Here the real estate is fixed at no ascertained standard of value. If in Philadelphia the assessed value is 50 per cent. less than the marketable

value, the taxes are one hundred per cent. higher than where the tax is laid on the district or cash price of property. But it is not assessed as a general rule on any fixed or uniform basis in Philadelphia. Efforts should be made to remedy this gross defect in our assessments.

It is essential in any successful plan for equalizing taxation, that the equality should begin in the mode by which the assessments are made. Until this is accomplished, it is in vain to attempt adjusting the per centum of tax. Either real or personal property should be required to pay for that equality of advantages alike secured under municipal protection. Before leaving this subject I respectfully suggest, that the mode of keeping the accounts of the City, might, in one respect be improved. As has been stated, the disbursements for improvements and repairs to City property, the cost of some constructions which are of a durable character and expenses of like nature are charged by the present plan to the current expenses of one year. It would be more correct, to charge them to a distinct permanent account, so that each year should only be charged with the interest on the sum thus set apart as an investment, which it should undoubtedly be considered. The finances of the City might be increased, if hereafter the use of the public streets as omnibus routes was made a means of revenue. If the privilege thus to use the highway was annually sold to the highest bidder, and on the route so sold no other line of omnibuses was allowed, the revenue would be increased, and the life, limbs, and personal safety of the citizens protected against the outrages now committed by unlicensed drivers of rival lines on the same route. Some legislation is necessary on this subject, and I suggest this plan as having a double advantage at least over the present system. The cost of keeping those streets in repair, over which omnibus lines travel, far exceeds the amount of licenses paid for this pecuniary advantage to the proprietors.

From the information I have been enabled to collect since the beginning of the year 1858, I am justified in

believing that in less than sixty days the indebtedness of the City, on her warrants, will be very nearly, if not entirely removed by their payment; that the interest on the City debt has been promptly paid; the outstanding warrants nearly all paid; that the effect of the unexpected default in the payment of a large sum due to the City on her investments has not been disastrous; and that the City treasury is able to pay the demands now made upon it. In confirmation of this view, it is to be observed that the City stock stands now better than it did twelve months ago, before this unaccountable money panic existed. While other favorite securities have fallen from 20 to 50 per cent. in price under the want of confidence in either the soundness of the investment or the intelligence of its management, the municipal credit is preserved, and further confidence in it increased. Our citizens have no cause to fear that the present administration of the financial department of the City is either incapable to manage it, or unsolicitous for the stability of the public credit. Despite all adverse circumstances of the times, and in the crisis that has existed, Philadelphia passed through them with the words "unbroken faith" still emblazoned on its escutcheon.

It will hardly be considered out of place to make a single remark on the business interests of the City, in their relation to its financial condition. While Councils have the legislative authority, it may be worthy of consideration how far it may legitimately be used to foster trade, in its enlarged signification. It is not to be doubted that much could be done by municipal action to at least facilitate the natural efforts for commercial and industrial prosperity.

The public of a large city are vitally interested in the exchanging of values resulting from the various forms of industry. Whatever is calculated to advance these interests within the strict construction of municipal authority, should be done. The foreign and domestic tonnage of Philadelphia for the years 1850 to 1857, inclusive, is as follows :

Abstract of American and Foreign tonnage, &c., entered and cleared from and to foreign countries, during the eight years ending December 31st, 1857. District of Philadelphia.

1850.

	Vessels.	Tons.	Seamen.
American entered,	367	193,090	4,041
Foreign “	163	35,103	1,648
American cleared,	305	85,418	3,316
Foreign “	150	31,606	1,450
	<hr/> 985	<hr/> 255,217	<hr/> 10,455

1851.

American entered,	408	124,548	4,727
Foreign “	165	46,716	2,195
American cleared,	355	102,248	4,020
Foreign, “	161	44,619	2,084
	<hr/> 1,089	<hr/> 318,131	<hr/> 13,026

1852.

American entered,	437	129,046	4,827
Foreign “	194	57,330	2,630
American cleared,	353	96,393	3,723
Foreign “	178	53,074	2,386
	<hr/> 1,162	<hr/> 335,843	<hr/> 13,566

1853.

American entered,	441	137,985	4,947
Foreign “	124	53,750	2,366
American cleared,	367	111,571	3,993
Foreign “	126	54,214	2,272
	<hr/> 1,048	<hr/> 357,520	<hr/> 13,578

1854.

American entered,	413	148,703	4,990
Foreign “	134	39,796	1,792
American cleared,	320	103,532	3,646
Foreign . “	128	39,951	1,768
	<hr/> 995	<hr/> 331,982	<hr/> 12,196

1855.

	Vessels.	Tons.	Seamen.
American entered,	420	152,125	5,030
Foreign “	115	10,199	1,014
American cleared,	326	118,430	3,942
Foreign “	116	20,047	1,000
	<hr/> 977	<hr/> 310,801	<hr/> 10,986

1856.

American entered,	452	160,557	5,066
Foreign “	125	39,696	2,111
American cleared,	304	110,581	3,596
Foreign “	127	38,409	2,109
	<hr/> 1,008	<hr/> 347,243	<hr/> 12,882

1857.

American entered,	423	144,680	4,721
Foreign “	85	21,650	857
American cleared,	286	101,064	3,292
Foreign “	83	20,890	807
	<hr/> 877	<hr/> 288,284	<hr/> 9,677

Recapitulation.

1850,	985	255,217	10,455
1851,	1,089	318,131	13,026
1852,	1,162	335,843	13,588
1853,	1,048	357,520	13,578
1854,	995	331,982	12,196
1855,	997	310,801	10,986
1856,	1,008	347,243	12,882
1857,	877	288,284	9,677
	<hr/> 8,141	<hr/> 2,545,041	<hr/> 96,388
Total for the 8 years,			

The Custom House has only a very partial record of the number of vessels entering and clearing in the coastwise trade. Such vessels do not enter or clear at the Custom House, except when registered, or conveying dutiable merchandise.

Coastwise.

Years.	Vessels.	Tons.	Seamen.
1850,	3,604	477,291	23,024
1851,	3,224	577,350	22,098
1852,	3,096	599,296	21,796
1853,	2,802	604,468	20,692
1854,	2,783	650,428	21,418
1855,	2,664	670,975	20,634
1856,	2,592	661,991	19,695
1857,	2,554	668,370	20,448
Total,	23,319	4,910,169	169,805

SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

The public know so little about the duties of this department, that I have requested from the chief surveyor a full report on the subjects committed to his charge.

The ordinance authorizing construction, and regulating the sewerage and drainage, should require the work to be done under the supervision of the Survey Department, in connection with the Commissioner of Highways. This will insure the proper preparation of the plans, and their being deposited in the office of the Surveyor for safe keeping and reference. The construction of drains at the expense of the property holders benefited thereby, should be encouraged, but in all such cases it is of great importance that the plans and surveys should be properly prepared and filed in the Surveyor's Office for reference, because public and private rights are unitedly involved in their construction, location, and use.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS,
Philadelphia, Dec. , 1857. }

To His Honor, RICHARD VAUX,
 Mayor of Philadelphia.

DEAR SIR:—I take great pleasure in presenting you my customary annual report, and in laying before you, in connection with my exhibit of the state of this de-

partment, some matter of general interest, bearing most particularly upon the subject of drainage, which I hope may meet the views of your Honor, and receive your official approval.

This department continues to increase in usefulness as a point of reference for our citizens, and our records have had large and valuable additions during the past year—the Surveyors and Regulators of the Districts having, in connection with their ordinary duties, displayed great energy in the prosecution of the surveys outside of the built limits. The Board of Surveyors have had unusually frequent sessions, called for by the large number of sectional plans that have been presented for their approval, each of which has received due examination on the ground. There have also been referred a large number of applications for privilege to construct private culverts, that have received their consideration, while the usual number of appeals have been entered and decided.

The expenditure of the department has been \$23,462 79, being \$6,529 71 less than the amount appropriated for the past year. Of this, has been expended for sectional plans of survey and regulations, over new district, and revisions of old regulations \$10,291 66. The extent of line regulations, completed in 1857, reach near 130 miles of streets, and cover an area of about 3,800 acres. The plans on record it is impossible to define, with a view of exhibiting their value, being so various in their character consisting of line regulations, grade regulations, drainage areas, culvert lines, culvert depths, sizes, &c., &c., bridge plans, wharf lines and soundings of river, old grants of supreme council, with records of surveys, and many others that cannot be enumerated, yet of great value.

This department being one which was entirely new at the date of consolidation, has required more time for the development of its purposes than others where the duties had been long established, and were consequently familiar to the community; which duties, I beg leave to remark, are not of that plain character that is supposed by those who have not examined the

minutiæ or detail of our work. They are not restricted to the mere arranging, recording and guarding that portion of the City archives which are placed in our especial charge, and are invaluable to our citizens, but extends to matters of great importance, and responsibility, effecting not only the health, but safety of our community. Among the valuable records which are in our possession, may be found the details of the entire City plan, so far as surveyed, showing the street lines and surface gradients; and also the register of surveys made for individuals, exhibiting clearly and accurately, with ease of access, the locality and dimensions of each and every lot of ground that has been surveyed or regulated since our organization, with the official return thereof; upon the plans used for this record, which are neatly bound and classified for facility of reference, is being collected all information that may be of value to the citizen or property holder—such as the street summits and grades, with the elevations of each street intersection relative to tide; the position, depth, size and shape of all sewers or drains, with the location of inlets, manholes and ventilators, and, so far as practicable under the present inoperative system, all connections with sewers or drains for private drainage; and we are thus enabled to furnish all necessary data for deciding the frequent appeal-cases that are entered, upon questions of party lines, and to give any advice and information that may be required upon the subject of drainage, whether for public or private use. There are many other duties that we perform, and which link us so closely to the Department of Highways, that but few know that our services have been called into requisition, yet, that the work has been done is evident, for while the Department of Highways is in fact the constructive department, the Department of Surveys is the engineering department, where all plans and specifications are prepared, whether for bridges, culverts or sewers, or whatever work of improvement may be directed, and where all estimates for said work are made when performed by contract: and it is gratifying sir, to state, that the

saving to the City, thus far—as can be testified by the Committee of Finance—has reached an amount equal to the salary of the chief officer for his full term of office. And I beg leave, sir, to remark this, in no vain boast, but, in connection with defining our duties and their importance, it seems requisite.

That portion of our charge which requires the most mature deliberation and careful examination, is the arrangement of systems for drainage, with the proper proportioning of the sewers and drains constituting such systems, and has required a course of study and research that has been but little attended to in our City. It is a subject that has such a variety of elements within it, as to have rendered it a matter of close investigation for a series of years in the city of London, by commissioners appointed under acts of Parliament, the results of which are very voluminous, and furnish much practical information, from which may be deduced laws of great value on the question of waterflow in sewers; yet so widely do they differ from experiments or record, made upon a small scale—upon which our mathematical formulas have been established—that judgment must be exercised in their adoption, but we hope to make such experiments upon some of the most perfect of our own sewers, as will enable us to draw a comparison between their practical and theoretical value. Nevertheless, we have given the subject much consideration, and believe that the principles upon which we have arrived at the proportions of those sewers and drains already designed are correct, and will be found to be fully adequate to the purposes intended, yet with a strong hope that much saving may be made hereafter by a further reduction in the proportions of sewers for a given drainage. All the data requisite for preparing the necessary calculations for a system of drainage, over any water-shed within our surveyed limits, may now be found on record here—such as the average rain fall—the character of the area—the extent of each water-shed—the quality of the underlying strata—the surface gradients and the inclination that can be obtained—all of which are re-

quisite in determining the necessary plans, and which could not have been had prior to the collection and arrangement of the records now deposited here and used for daily reference.

To obtain for our City an effectual system of drainage, is of the first importance, as bearing upon each individual of our community in a most vulnerable point, and without which all else is comparatively valueless—his health; and after general drainage, for which the City officials, in the minds of all, are responsible, private drainage presents itself; and as upon the first, each and every good citizen sees and urges its necessity, so upon the latter we feel that too much cannot be said or written in bringing before you, sir, and the Councils of our City, the inestimable value that judiciously enacted ordinances would be, compelling the construction of underground drainage from residences. Ignorance and parsimony both now militate against our endeavors to introduce it, as the increase to the value of property and the additional comfort is as yet appreciated but by those who have adopted it, or have examined the matter sufficiently to understand it.

Some objection has been made to the yearly rental or charge for culvert constructions, but we feel assured that those who complain are not aware of the expenditure that is as certain to be required of the City, as that drains are constructed for private use, and that as the system of private drainage extends, we will begin to see the inefficacy of our old culverts, and either flushing or hand labor must be resorted to to preserve their usefulness, this duty has thus far been unnecessary, though many of our old culverts have now an amount of deposit that cannot be increased without soon giving evidence of the necessity for its removal. Fortunate are we, that as yet our water supply has not been restricted, for without it the best plan of culverting would be inoperative, and the preservation of that supply should be early considered.

The necessity of having all sewers or drains,

whether for public or private use, constructed under the immediate charge of City officers, and strictly in accordance with plans prepared by this department, I have fully stated in my previous reports, and sincerely hope that an ordinance, making such obligatory, will be enacted, and obtain official sanction.

Every facility should be offered our citizens to induce the construction of lateral culverts, and this, I believe, can be reached by enacting the ordinances now before the Chambers, the adoption of which is earnestly, yet respectfully urged. The great advantage in the introduction of lateral culverts is, not only that underground drainage from adjacent houses should be generally adopted, but that by the construction of frequent inlets, our gutters would cease to be reservoirs of filth and garbage, breeding disease and contagion in our very midst.

There should be a culvert on every street, and every house should be obliged to deliver into it, by underground channels, all ordure or refuse that is susceptible of being diluted. We would then find our bills of mortality reduced in proportion to the extension of the system. Our inlets should be placed at short distances apart, so that the rain flow, or storm water, should perform its work of cleansing on the surface without flooding, and by more frequently entering the culvert, with properly arranged junctions, the increased velocity of the current in the culvert, consequent upon such arrangement, would add greatly to the scouring effect, thereby preventing deposits.

Great difficulty has been experienced in this department, in overcoming the prejudice against the use of vitrified clay pipes for drainage, notwithstanding the objections made are untenable to those who are familiar with the material of which they are composed—their advantages over our ordinary brick drains are many, and as to their being of sufficient strength to bear any superincumbent weight that would not be injurious to a brick drain, it cannot be a matter of question; their inner surface being smooth, the accumulation of deposit is prevented, and their capacity

increased, which admits a reduction in size, and in reducing the size, retaining the same rise and fall with the interior diameter of old sewer as an element, we of course have an increase of gradient, and in connection with this subject, I beg leave to quote from an English report.

“It has been proved by the result of draining houses with tubular drains in upwards of nineteen thousand (19,000) cases, and by the trial of more than 200 miles of pipe sewers, that the practice of constructing large brick or stone sewers for general town drainage, which detain matters passing through them in suspension in water, which accumulate deposit, and which are made large enough for men to enter them to remove the deposit, by hand labor, without reference to the area to be drained, has been in ignorance or perversion of correct principles,” “and are wasteful from the increased expense of their construction and repair, and from the cost of ineffectual efforts to keep them free from deposit.” And they further state as a general conclusion, “That it results from the experience of works constructed upon correct principles, that improved tubular house drains and sewers of proper sizes, inclinations and material, detain and accumulate no deposit, emit no offensive smells, and require no additional supply of water to keep them clean,” and further, “That the method of removing refuse in suspension in water by properly combined works, is much cheaper than that of collecting it in pits or cesspools, near or underneath houses, emptying it by hand labor and removing it by cartage.”

The conclusions thus arrived at after close scrutiny and extended investigation, should have great influence, and we can add that in all cases where they have been used at the suggestion of this department, the results have been highly satisfactory.

One objection urged, has been, that they are impermeable, and therefore not effective in reducing the moisture of a springy soil; such is the case, and such we claim to be one of their greatest points for recommendation, and will say in addition, that neither do

they accumulate deposits nor allow either liquid or gaseous matters to escape, impregnating not only the soil in which they may lie, but even the very atmosphere we inhale.

It is an indisputable fact that brick drains, which are necessarily absorbent and permeable, do not entirely carry off the vile and filthy matter that is carried into them, but cause the material surrounding them to become completely saturated with it, even to the surface, frequently causing putrid emanations as a nucleus for a devastating epidemic.

No culvert or drain for the conveyance of sewerage should be permeable, if the material through which it may be constructed should be of a moist or springy nature; permeable drains for that especial purpose should be laid. After the general principles for these subordinate systems have been arranged, the next point of equal importance is the minutiae of the detail; and as their value is determinate by the correctness of their proportions, and the accuracy of their lines and shapes and mode of laying, it is absolutely necessary for the successful operation of the whole, that the work should be performed under a responsible supervision.

The determination of the sizes and general detail should be exclusively in the charge of those who, from their position in the City government, may be deemed qualified to advise, and plans so arranged should be carried to completion under penalty.

Much cavil and questionings have already been offered at the supposed want of capacity in drains heretofore proposed, yet which, when constructed, have met the warmest approval.

The change in the proportions of drains, made in accordance with correct principles from those heretofore laid by "rule of thumb," is no doubt startling to the uninformed, and I again quote from our English brethren, whose experience and research entitle them to a degree of deference which we hope time will award us: "Proof of the empiricism and want of principle in the construction of works for the objects in question have been afforded as it were, by chance.

Thus a six inch earthenware pipe having been laid down for the drainage of one detached house, the drains of one house after another, as they were built, were joined to the same pipe, until at the end of several years, this *one 6 inch pipe* was, to the surprise of both surveyors and builders, found to be clean, in perfect action, and carrying away the drainage of 150 houses, and doing the work for which a sewer might have been provided of sufficient size for the entrance of a man to remove deposit." And an estimate of the value of a smooth surface in affording rapidity of current, is clearly illustrated by an instance reported in connection with the drainage work of the English town of Tottenham, containing about 10,000 inhabitants. It has been necessary there, owing to the want of a suitable outfall, to erect sewerage works for the deodorization of sewerage by chemical treatment, and consequently the refuse is delivered into a pit, preparatory so its reaching the pumps; at the point of outfall it has been necessary to place a screen and an attendant for the purpose of clearing away rags, paper, &c., which would otherwise choke the aperture; at this point, a sufficient quantity of soap, in cake or lump, is found daily, to fully cover the expense of the attendant, proving that solids reach the outfall before decomposition or disintegration takes place.

It is with pleasure that I am enabled to report that the four main culvert lines which have been long needed, have been examined by this Department, and are now under consideration by the Chambers of Councils; the location and sizes have been determined by the Board of Surveyors.

It is unnecessary for me to add to what I have said in reference to them, other than in expressing a hope, that the construction of two of them particularly, may be commenced at the earliest moment, and I allude to them particularly, on account of their construction being required for the interest of the City at large—the one being a valley line, collecting the flow now carried off by the Cohocksink nuisance—the other, an intercepting line to prevent the pollution of water to be

used for distribution through our City, while the others, though equally important for their immediate localities, have not so large an interest at stake.

I might, sir, extend my observations upon this matter and its connections, but they would lead me to a greater length than would be at present justifiable, and which may have already been exceeded; such as the state of our old sewers, and the necessity of their lines of flow being adjusted, and flushing systems being adopted, as also the probability of recourse to deodorization and the preservation of sewerage for agricultural purposes being necessary, with the adoption of proper modes of ventilation, and others of equal interest, are subjects I desire to place before you, but will defer for future communications.

In conclusion, sir, I beg leave to express the hope that the assistance of our City authorities may be extended to this Department, in its endeavors to improve, so far as susceptible, our present inoperative system, and in further investigating this subject as one of most vital importance to each individual of our community. We may then, in our own authority, and with enviable confidence, present, as the demand requires, effective, permanent, and economical plans, which shall give evidence of their perfect working, in our increased healthfulness as a City, and the consequent elevation of character in the lower classes.

Respectfully submitted,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,

Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

CITY CONTROLLER.

Very few of our citizens who have not business relations with the Controller's Office can form an accurate idea of the care required in the discharge of the labor devolved upon it. The means adopted by all the departments to protect the treasury from extravagance or fraud, are subjected to additional vigilance by the

Controller's Office. It is now almost impossible for latent or patent deceit, to escape the investigations to which every charge against the City is liable. If bills contain charges, names, and amounts which are wholly fictitious, but which, together, are less than the itemised appropriations for any public cost, no human system can prevent their allowance unless prescience is an official attribute. The Controller's Office during the past year has given entire satisfaction to the public by the keenness with which the Department has conducted its affairs. Economy has been made the rule of all the Departments. Those who regard over caution as likely by degrees to assume imperceptibly a spirit of domination, must remember that the evil, if it arises, is easily corrected, and that the only object of the Controller is to protect the public treasury. This is a sufficient answer to all upright men, while those who complain should reflect on the peculiar duties and responsibilities imposed on this Department.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, December 28, 1857. }

HON. RICHARD VAUX,
 Mayor of Philadelphia,

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 22d instant, requesting a “full, accurate and detailed account of the general condition of this Department,” was received on the 23d; but in consequence of the great press of business, I found it impossible to give it earlier attention. I have now the honor to submit the annexed statement of the appropriations to, and expenses of this Department for the year 1857. Some small bills yet to be rendered, may vary the statement in a slight degree, though in no item will the expenses exceed the appropriation.

Owing the extensive system of itemising the appropriations for the service of the several Departments for the present fiscal year, two additional clerks were voluntarily given by Councils to this Department; and even with this increased force, the duties of the office, consequent upon an almost entire change of system of

the transactions therein, have been more arduous and confining than for any preceding year. The beneficial consequences, however, of thus specifying the amount to be expended under each item, have been fully demonstrated during the present year, and exemplify, in the reduced expenses of the City, the wisdom of the system.

It would have given me pleasure to have been able to furnish you with a comparative table of the expenses of the City for the years 1855, 1856 and 1857, as applicable to each branch of the expenditure of the several Departments ; but the appropriations for 1855 having been made in gross ; those of 1856 blending many dissimilar expenses together, and the present year not being completed, render this impossible. There is one item of the expenses, however, which stands out sufficiently distinct in each of these years, to enable me to submit the result exhibited in the annexed table marked A ; and although every other item may not present so great a disparity, yet enough will be shown at the close of the present year to afford the tax-payer just cause for congratulation that the days of prodigal and useless expenditure are fast waning.

It is in the nature of the business of this Department to bring it into frequent disagreement with others, and often to incur their displeasure ; but while I have endeavored to perform my duty with impartiality and for the interest of the City, I have, at the same time, in the dissent of opinion, endeavored to express my views in such manner as to be least offensive to those with whom it was my misfortune to differ.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

Statement—Department of City Controller.

Appropriation of March 17th, 1857, \$16,383 33

Warrants Countersigned.

For City Controller and Chief

Clerk's Salaries, \$3,700 00

For Clerks and Messenger, 7,360 40

“ Stationery, 317 20

“ Publishing Annual statement of 1856. 1,350 00

“ Unpaid Bills of 1856, 33 33

“ Cleaning office, 135 68

“ Incidentals, 271 99

“ Temporary clerk hire for Finance Committee, 519 44

\$13,688 04

\$2,695 29

A.

For Books, Stationery, Printing and Publishing.

DEPARTMENTS.	1855.	1856.	1857.
Police,	1,749 84	1,950 28	1,594 90
Highways,	5,086 67	1,300 65	1,284 86
City Commissioners,	36,878 57	27,318 91	16,891 42
“ Property,	247 96	150 00	211 54
Supplying Water,	2,405 62	1,845 23	1,176 45
Market Houses,	373 72	205 00	246 92
Wharves and Landings,	212 05	88 31	102 60
Surveys,	1,022 23	903 20	468 97
Fire,	148 57	406 10	217 92
Law,	9,514 65	8,099 73	3,449 41
City Controller,	4,660 49	3,014 53	1,710 07
“ Treasurer,	4,862 42	2,050 61	1,388 27
Receiver of Taxes,	19,904 91	4,142 26	4,895 18
Clerks of Councils,	57,262 66	22,919 13	15,745 88
Lighting the City,	17 14		
Public Schools,	66,453 56	39,956 58	37,999 68
Board of Health,	805 71	1,354 45	710 00
Guardians of the Poor,	2,755 37	1,539 84	1,000 00
Inspectors of the Prison,		713 02	487 03
City Ice Boat,			32 20
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,			44 13
Totals,	\$214,462 14	\$117,957 83	\$89,747 49

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

It is so satisfactory to know that this branch of the public service is honorably administered, that any defects in its organization might be left to time and experience for correction. When the duties discharged by the Commissioner of Highways are considered, and contrasted with those performed by the same authorities in other cities, Philadelphia has cause for ample satisfaction with these public servants. The current expenses of this department for 1857 was \$359,202 19. For 1856 the appropriations for this service was \$420,063 46. In 1855 the sum was \$743,024 06. It will be remembered that the cost of paving, repairing streets and intersections, the culverts and sewers, cleaning the city, and removal of nuisances in the streets, is comprised in the disbursements of this department.

Some of the duties that devolve on this department are utterly inconsistent with its appropriate sphere of action. I trust the time will come when enlightened legislation will relieve the Commissioner of "Highways, sewers, and cleansing the City" of those administrative functions which in all cities which keep pace with the progress of the age, come properly within the jurisdiction of the Department of Police. In this connection I feel it incumbent on me to remark that some radical change is necessary in the law regulating depots of railroad companies on the river front and in the City, and also in the transportation of passengers from and thereto. The increasing use of the public streets for purposes of individual profit and convenience is becoming a serious public nuisance. The highways are devoted to the use of the public, and whatever interferes with, impedes, impairs, or destroys this use and its enjoyment—thus usurping by the few the rights of many for gain or selfishness, is contrary to the spirit of our political organization. I respectfully invite the attention of Councils to this rapidly growing evil.

I am prepared, whenever required by Councils, to

present a plan for reform, which will embrace this whole subject, and which, when fully understood, adopted, and carried out, will, I have no reasonable doubt, give general satisfaction.

I respectfully suggest that the Highway Department be directly charged with the repaving of all the openings into the streets for the introduction of gas. It is no part of the duty of the Trustees of the Gas Works to open or repave the highways, it properly belongs to those who are held responsible for the proper condition of the public thoroughfares. I beg further to report that care and management of the wharves and landings be transferred to the Highway Department.

During the past year the public health has been most satisfactory. The cleaning of the streets is now performed by contract. It is as well done as can be expected from the contract system. I am decidedly opposed to this plan of performing this most necessary labor for preserving the public health. It is almost impossible, in any carefully prepared contract, to agree on the performance of all that is required from those who are thus employed. Unforeseen circumstances are constantly occurring which demand the attention of the contractors, but not being embraced in the contract, create difficulties. The cost for removing garbage and ashes, and cleaning the streets and alleys, taken at contract prices, is below a reasonable compensation for the efficient performance of this service. I beg to invite your attention to the valuable report of the Chief Commissioner of Highways hereto attached.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, SEWERS, }
AND CLEANSING OF THE CITY, }
January 1st, 1858.

HON. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your communication of the 17th ult., I herewith transmit a report of the operations of this department, and a statement showing in detail the receipts and expenditures during the year 1857.

It affords me great satisfaction to inform you that

the expenditures have been kept within the limits of the appropriation made by ordinance of the 16th day of March, 1857.

The estimated receipts of the department were twenty-four thousand (\$24,000) dollars, and it will be seen that they fall short of that amount two thousand eleven (\$2,011 30) dollars and thirty cents.

The expenditures in this department for the year 1855, was \$743,024 06; 1856, \$420,063 46; 1857, \$359,202 19; which will be increased some twelve thousand (\$12,000) dollars by bills for intersections, and bills for materials and labor furnished, which were not presented in time for payment, and for which a re-appropriation will be necessary.

By referring to Statement No. 2, it will be perceived that the appropriation made to this department for the year 1857, was three hundred and seventy-two thousand (\$372,000) dollars, of which amount the sum of three hundred and fifty-nine thousand two hundred and two (\$359,202 19) dollars and nineteen cents was expended, leaving a balance to merge on the 31st of December, of twelve thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven (\$12,797 81) dollars and eighty-one cents.

All the work and material furnished this year for which bills were presented up to the 31st of December have been paid, except those for paving intersections of streets, the appropriation made to the department for this purpose was sixteen thousand (\$16,000) dollars, and in addition to this a transfer from other items was added to it, but in consequence of the great number of streets that have been paved, this has been entirely inadequate to pay for that description of work, as there are bills now remaining unpaid to the amount of eleven thousand seven hundred and seventy-three (\$11,773 25) dollars and twenty-five cents.

The balance remaining to the credit of this Department would have been amply sufficient to meet this, but as most of the work was done in the months of November and December, it was deemed advisable to let them lay over for a re-appropriation, as by the time

it was made an opportunity would be afforded of testing the character and durability of the work.

I desire to state that in this matter of expenditure for paving intersections, the Department is not fairly to be blamed for its exceeding the appropriation, as it is entirely beyond its control. When the property owners petition Councils for the paving of a number of streets, and ordinances are enacted allowing them to employ parties to do the work, it is absolutely necessary that the crossings should be paved, and the aggregate cost of the paving will vary from year to year, and be determined by the amount of paving done by the property owners, and neither Councils or this Department can, with propriety, interfere to prevent them from making improvements of this character.

An unusual amount of paving has been done within the last few years, especially during the year 1857, and I regret to say, that in many instances it has not been done in a substantial manner, or to the satisfaction of this Department: in consequence of this increased amount of it, and in the manner in which it has been done, it will be necessary, during the coming year, to do a large amount of repaving and repairing on streets that were paved prior to 1857. While the streets generally have been kept and are now in a tolerable condition for travel, yet it will require a much greater outlay than formerly to place them and continue them in good repair during the year 1858; and in order to do this, while fully sensible of the necessity that exists for keeping down the expenses of the Department, I have asked of Councils an increased appropriation for that purpose.

While upon this subject, I would urge upon Councils the necessity of adopting some plan by which the City can have the streets paved in a more substantial manner than they have been done, and would respectfully suggest that inasmuch as this Department is held responsible for the work, the selection of the contractors should devolve upon it. The Department can hardly be held responsible for the work, when the parties doing it are entirely independent of them, and who

make the contracts to suit themselves and the parties with whom they contract to do the work. As a security for the character of the paving, the Department during the last year, has required that those doing it should obligate themselves to keep it in good condition for at least two years from its completion; this obligation will be rigidly enforced, but it is not the proper remedy to check the evil complained of.

In regard to the cleaning of the streets of the City, I expressed, in a former report, the opinion that the lowest bidder contract system, under which they were then cleansed, did not, in its practical operation and results, satisfy the public, or meet with the approbation of the Department. The experience of another year has but confirmed me in this opinion, and I regret that some better plan has not yet been devised. Every conceivable effort has been made to induce and compel the contractors to a compliance with the terms of their agreements, and in some cases the work was done by the Department, and the cost of it deducted from the sum agreed to be paid them. During the past year, the paved streets of the City have been cleaned at an expense of fifty-nine thousand nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and fifty-seven cents, and the contract price for doing the work, according to agreements entered into for one year, from Oct. 1st, 1857, to Oct. 1st, 1858, amounted to fifty-five thousand one hundred (55,100) dollars, exclusive of the paved streets in the Twenty-fourth Ward, the cleansing of which is not under contract.

This sum is less than one-sixth of that paid for cleansing the streets of the City of New York, although the area of its paved streets is not greater than that of our own City. The cost of cleansing the former, as furnished by the late message of Mayor Tieman, was three hundred and ninety-six thousand (\$396,000) dollars, being twenty-four thousand (\$24,000) dollars over and above the expenditures for labor and materials, and work of every description done by this Department during the year 1857.

Should the contract system for cleansing the streets

be continued, it would be well to change the time for the commencement of the work from October 1st to a later period in the year, or otherwise to March or April, as the season of autumn is the one when it is most difficult to keep them cleaned, owing to a variety of causes; and it is also the time of the year when dirty streets are most likely to endanger health, and interfere with the business and comfort of the public. This change of time is rendered necessary, also, as the contractors, whose term of cleansing expires on October 1st, generally manage to leave their streets in a very filthy condition during the month of September, with the view of saving expense for themselves should they fail to get the contract for another year, and with a view of frightening off other bidders for the work, who will have the additional labor imposed upon them should they get the contract.

I would also urge the attention of Councils to the matter of sewers and sewerage. It is absolutely necessary that provision should be made as speedily as possible for the construction of several main culverts in the localities of the City where they are much needed; in many places the streets are not only overflowed, but the cellars of houses upon the line of them are filled with stagnant water, and in consequence of this, property is depreciated in value, a stop put to all improvement, and the health of the people living in those districts seriously endangered.

A very large number of small culverts have been constructed during the year, mostly at the expense of the property owners, and as they have been built under special ordinances, it is a source of great trouble to the parties desirous of building, as well as a severe tax upon the time of Councils.

I would recommend that at as early a period as possible a general ordinance upon this subject should be enacted, in order that Councils may be relieved from the labor of considering, and passing upon each special case; that the department may act understandingly, and that the public may be enabled to construct them at their own expense, without entailing upon them-

selves the trouble and loss of time incident to the passage of every ordinance.

I would also call the attention of Councils to the fact, that under the ordinance regulating the prices to be paid to the district surveyors, much difficulty arises from the fact that some of them are disposed to give it a construction that would enable them to charge exorbitant prices for work to be performed, in some cases amounting to double the amount for giving the lines to set the curb in front of a property that is demanded by the curb setter for doing the work; difficulty having grown out of this, and the officers of this department having been embarrassed, thereby induces me to present it to Councils, as the property-owners are under the impression that the fault is with this department, when in reality it is as much aggrieved by it as they are.

An ordinance authorizing the commissioners of this department to employ a surveyor to give curb, grade, or other lines, and also to measure work done by the City, which in case of non-payment by the property-owners must be liened against the estate, would afford a proper remedy, to be resorted to only when the district surveyor should fail to comply promptly with the requirements of this department.

In addition to this, all work done by the surveyor should be paid for by warrants drawn by the chief engineer and surveyor, as he is the proper person to scrutinize, and determine upon the accuracy of bills presented for work of this description.

In some districts the amount paid by this department to district surveyors, approximate very closely to the yearly salary of the Highway Commissioners, and as the surveyors receive a yearly salary in addition to this, it would seem to me proper that an appropriation should be made to the Survey Department to pay the surveyors for all work done for the City, as the head of that department can then very properly discriminate as to the work done by them, for which they receive a yearly salary, and that for which they are entitled to extra compensation.

The ordinances in regard to turn-outs for the different railroad tracks that are now laid through the public highways, need the attention of Councils. In the old City proper we have been acting under the ordinances enacted to provide for turn-outs from the City railroad, and in the few instances that permits were granted in the other districts, the same rules were adopted. Some of the railroad companies claim the right under their charter to construct them when and where, and as many as they please, and in addition to this would seem to regard it as a matter of duty upon the part of the City, to pave between the tracks thus made, and keep the same in good repair. There being no general law upon the subject, leads to much difficulty and inconvenience, and in some cases to great danger, as the tracks having once been laid either with or without authority, are allowed to remain in an unfinished condition for months.

The public interests and safety demands that this subject should be settled in such a way, as that parties wishing to make turn-outs, may know the proper place to apply to, and that the *turn-outs* when made, shall not impede travel upon the public highways. The different railroad companies doing business in this City should also be compelled to pave between their tracks on all streets that are paved, as in many places in consequence of the neglect to attend to them, they have become nuisances, and are filled with mud and stagnant water in wet weather, and in the hot and sultry season of the year, are receptacles for dirt and dust.

In connection with railroads, I would respectfully call your attention to another evil which requires to be abated, namely, that of allowing railroad cars, loaded or unloaded, to remain upon the track an unreasonable length of time. This has always been a very dangerous practice, but of late in some sections of the City, has been practiced to a very great extent, and not unfrequently, to the loss of life.

In some of the old districts there were laws enacted to prevent this, but they were very defective in their

character, so much so, as to render them practically useless and nugatory. In a matter of this kind, what is desired and required by the public, is that summary power should be lodged with this or with the Police Department, whenever cars, loaded or unloaded, have been allowed to stand over a given time upon the public highways, to have the same hauled away to some place of safety, until all the cost attending the same, shall be paid by the parties to whom they belong; this will be more effective than the remedy heretofore provided of imposing a fine, as the formalities of giving notice or of watching the cars, to see if any person has charge of them, and other, the like provision will be dispensed with.

In conformity with the ordinance of September 16th, 1856, providing for the numbering of houses, and the subsequent appropriation of fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars for that purpose, a number of men were employed, and during the year all the streets, alleys, &c., in the different wards of the City have been numbered, except those in the 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, and 24th, this has been done at an expense of twelve hundred and seventy-eight (\$1,278 47) dollars and forty-seven cents, leaving a balance unexpended of two hundred and twenty-one (221 53) dollars and fifty-three cents.

In many instances, the owners of properties have neglected or failed to conform to the ordinance, but the advantage and propriety of so doing is becoming more manifest every day, and I have no doubt that in a very short time, all will comply with the ordinance, without a resort to law to compel them so to do.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN M'CARTHY,
Chief Commissioner of Highways.

No. 1.

Receipts from January 1st, 1857, to January 1st, 1858.

Omnibuses, - - -	\$4,830 00	
Carts, Wagons, Drays, &c., -	2,969 75	
Hack, Carriages, and Driver's License, - - -	1,035 00	
Vault Permits, - - -	1,691 25	
Sewer " - - -	2,116 49	
Building " - - -	624 50	
Sewer rents, - - -	2,776 31	
Railroad turn-outs, - - -	80 00	
Miscellaneous, - - -	3,063 79	
Paving and repaving, - - -	2,801 61	
	<hr/>	\$21,988 70

No. 2.

Expenditures from January 1st, 1857, to January 1st, 1858.

Item 1. Paving intersections,	\$ 21,354 90½
2. Repaving and repairing streets,	110,874 63½
3. Grading,	25,155 76
4. Repairing roads,	34,821 90
5. Paving footwalks,	6,989 76
6. Repairs to culverts,	14,892 87
7. Repairing bridges,	11,465 78
8. Cleansing streets,	59,963 57
9. " unpaved streets,	9,999 47
10. Repairs to City railroad,	5,034 26
11. Repairing wells & pumps,	1,345 12
12. Salary of commissioner, clerks, &c.,	10,001 39
13. Salary of supervisors,	15,384 00
14. Grading and bridging Girard avenue, 24th ward,	5,098 50
15. Building wing walls to Girard avenue, 24th ward,	3,635 43
16. Grading Girard avenue, 20th ward,	9,324 53

17. Building wing walls to Girard avenue, 20th ward,	5,980 99	
19. Chestnut street bridge,	301 98	
20. Printing, advertising and stationery,	999 05	
21. Insurance on bridges,	1,100 00	
22. Office and yard expenses,	528 13	
23. Incidentals,	753 52	
24. Temporary purveyor of No's.,	1,278 47	
25. Building wing walls and grading Franklin avenue bridge,	1,918 17	
	<hr/>	\$359,202 19

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The financial condition of the City is such at this time, that the subject of making some necessary public improvements will not meet with that general approval which it claims. If extravagant plans for investment of the public funds were proposed, the condition of the treasury would, I hope, not be considered, in the general determination to prevent their consumation. Public opinion has defeated already, in advance, any such proposals. But it is too well understood in our community that a overruling necessity exists for some improvements which it will be false economy longer to delay.

The new bridge over the river Schuylkill; the enlargement of the water basins and other parts of the water works; the culverts actually demanded to preserve the public health; proper, commodious and secure buildings for the public offices; a new hospital for malignant and contagious diseases; the consolidation of the Gas Works and the establishment of a department of "Gas and Lighting the City;" the cleaning and deepening the docks on the Delaware front; the actual expense necessary to enclose Lemon Hill property; a new police station house, are improve-

ments, which I am convinced, the popular verdict would approve.

The federal government, in obedience to an expression of public wishes and wants, is making arrangements to bring the Post Office and Custom House near the locality of the City departments. The consequence will be, that for a long period of time, the public business will continue at the present location. Alterations and improvements in the City buildings are imperatively demanded, and I invite the early attention of Councils to the subject.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The report from Wm. A. Porter, Esq., the City Solicitor, is so full that it supersedes the necessity of more than asking for it your careful consideration. The best evidence as to the management of this branch of the public service, can be found in the testimony of the various committees of both branches of Councils, that are necessarily required to seek advice on the various legal questions, involved in the conduct of municipal affairs. Integrity, care, and promptness, guides the course of the law adviser of the City, and such characteristics should not be lightly esteemed.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
January 5, 1858.

To the HON. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia,

SIR :—I submit the following Report of the affairs of the Department under my charge :

Thirty-four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and sixty-six cents has been received at this office and paid into the City Treasury during the year. The greater portion of this sum was paid for the laying of pipe, and the paving and curbing of streets. In the process of its collection, five hundred and forty-six liens for such work were filed, and six hundred and fifty-

two writs of scire facias issued. For claims arising under the health regulations of the City, one hundred and twenty-four liens were filed, and more than one hundred were sued out. One hundred and fifty-five cases of desertion were brought and discussed before the court, at the instance of the Guardians of the Poor. One hundred and thirty-two cases for the support of illegitimate children were instituted and acted on. Eleven hundred and fourteen suits brought against the City before the various aldermen, were attended to. In the District Court, the Court of Common Pleas, and the Supreme Court, two hundred and five suits at law and in equity have been conducted. The latter suits are necessarily larger in amount, but suits before the aldermen are difficult and troublesome. They are brought before those officers in every part of the City, including West Philadelphia, Germantown, Manayunk, &c., on every day and at all hours of the day, from 7 o'clock in the morning until 10 at night. These suits are generally brought on warrants which the Treasurer has been unable to pay. Our duty in such cases, simply requires us to examine the instruments when they are produced, to test their genuineness, to give notice of the suits to the Treasurer and Controller, and to the Heads of the Departments by which they were drawn, to bring the subject before the Committee of Finance, and to give security or to enter an appeal, as the case requires. In many instances, the City is finally made liable for the debt as well as the costs. It is desirable that payment of the latter should be avoided, but they are one of the necessary evils of our present embarrassed condition.

Of the sum of thirty-four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and sixty-six cents, paid into the Treasury, two thousand four hundred and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-three cents consisted of registered taxes, paid to and collected by this Department. On the 19th of June, 1857, an ordinance was passed by Councils, directing the City Solicitor to take charge of the collection of these taxes. On bringing this ordinance to the notice of the Receiver of Taxes, and re-

questing the transfer of his books of registry to this Department, for the purpose of carrying its provisions into effect, a voluminous correspondence ensued between myself and that officer. He took the position that the Acts of Assembly had invested him with the sole authority to collect all taxes, both current and registered. One of the grounds of this opinion was the fact, that he is obliged by law, to give certificates of the taxes which are liens on real estate, and that he could not perform this duty without the possession of the books. On bringing the subject again to the notice of Councils, they passed an ordinance on the second of November, 1857, giving this Department power to appoint a temporary clerk, "whose duty it shall be to make copies of such portions of all books, papers, documents or duplicates in the custody of the Receiver of Taxes or of the City Commissioners, as refer to any and all claims for unpaid taxes, (except State Taxes,) now registered and that may be hereafter registered; the said appointment to be revocable at any time by the City Solicitor or by Councils." The clerk has since that period been engaged in making the required copies, and in transmitting them, from time to time, to this Department. On receiving them, proceedings are immediately commenced against the delinquent tax payers. The success of the plan has been equal to the expectation of the committee which suggested it. I hope its utility will be exemplified in the future. In addition to the numerous payments made at this office, the constables and collectors employed by the other Departments have been stimulated to more active exertion, and the result has been a gain to the City. We are much embarrassed in making the collections, by the imperfect descriptions furnished by the Assessors, and by the fact that in many instances the assessments are made in incorrect names. These obstacles, it is hoped, will hereafter be diminished.

Since my last report, three plans of surveys have been confirmed by the Court of Common Pleas, viz: Plan of Letitia street, between Chesnut and Black Horse alley; Wissahickon street, or township line

road, between Carpenter and Roberts' avenues, and Indian Queen lane. Three streets have been opened, in accordance with the reports of Juries of View, viz. Broad street, between Germantown road and Nicetown lane; Tower street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, and Sheridan avenue, in the Twenty-second Ward. Sixteen juries drawn by the court for the purpose of assessing damages done, or alleged to have been done to real estate, by the opening of streets laid down upon the confirmed plans of the City, have met for that purpose, viz: McKean street, South Sixth street; Catharine and Christian streets, between Irish Tract Lane and Gray's Ferry Road, in the First Ward; Erie street, between Shippen and Fitzwater, in the Fourth Ward; Carleton street, in the Fourteenth Ward; Vienna and Dean streets, in the Eighteenth Ward; Richmond street and Lehigh avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward; Oxford street, between Eighth and Tenth streets, in the Twentieth Ward; Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, between the Lancaster turnpike and Bridge street; William street, between Market street and the Lancaster turnpike; Oregon and Holby streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

In some cases, the opening of the streets seemed to be called for by no public necessity, and in others the awards of damages were deemed excessive. In these cases, exceptions were filed on behalf of the City, and in others exceptions were filed by property owners dissatisfied with the amounts awarded to them. Of the Reports enumerated, nine have been confirmed, and five have been set aside by the Court. The remainder will be acted upon in due time.

Several difficulties occur in representing the City properly, before Road Juries. At present, streets are opened by the Court of Quarter Sessions and by Resolution of Councils; and it not unfrequently occurs, that the jury and the representative of the City discover, that without an exception, every property owner on the line of the street claims damages, more or less heavy in amount, although it is evident that some of them must have pressed for the opening of a street in

which the public have comparatively a small interest. The signers of the petitions are frequently those who feel no individual interest in the matter, and, when called upon, are unwilling to oppose the claims of citizens. By the 7th section of the Act of Assembly, of 1855, Councils have the power "to institute an inquiry as to persons benefited by the opening of any new street, and to withhold appropriations for the opening of the same, until the persons found to be benefited, shall have contributed according to the benefit to be derived therefrom, towards the damages awarded to the owners whose ground will be taken therefor." If an inquiry were made before the passage of the resolution directing the opening of a street, and if Councils, in the exercise of their discretion, would refuse to consider any similar applications until it is ascertained the petitioners are persons really interested in the contemplated improvement, and that they are ready to verify their statements before the jury, the interests of the public would be more effectually protected, and unnecessary expenditures saved to the Treasury. I may state it as the result of my experience, that few of the unopened streets laid down on the City plan, are required by any pressing public necessity, aside from the advantages accruing to owners of property on or near them.

In the passage of ordinances appropriating money to pay damages incurred by the opening of streets, it is usual to provide that the money shall not be paid until the solicitor shall have certified that no liens exist against the property for injuries to which the damages are claimed. A necessity thus arises for minute and careful examination of the records, both of mortgages and judgments. It is sometimes made under unfavorable circumstances; for the parties are generally unwilling to incur the expense of procuring searches and supplying the necessary documents. In the case of Franklin street, for example, opened through a graveyard, in which the owners of lots held fee simple interests, not less, perhaps, than one hundred titles were examined. In the case of other streets,

the number has not been so great, but the examinations equally tedious. It would be full as easy for the jury to report to the court on the state of the incumbrances, as on that of the title. This would compel parties to produce the certificates of searches before that tribunal, and to meet the objections made on the part of the City. Time and labor would thus be saved to the Law Department, and equal accuracy attained.

In regard to claims filed at the instance of the Board of Health, I make the following suggestion : In the paving of streets, the plan usually adopted, is to put the work out by contract, and instead of paying the contractor from the City Treasury, to require him to collect the claims. He is authorized also to file his lien in the name of the City to his own use, and to sue it out ; thus relieving the City of the immediate outlay, and of the subsequent cost and delay of the suit. This plan, it seems to me, would work equally well in respect to the Board of Health claims. Let the contractors or employees of the Board, who remove nuisances, take upon themselves the collection of these obnoxious demands, and sustain the resistance made by the owners. This system would operate as a check upon the extravagant charges of contractors, save a large item to the City, in costs, and prevent the payment of exorbitant charges which are not recoverable.

In my last report, I brought to the notice of Councils the following state of things. A lien is frequently filed against the mere tenant of real estate, for the reason that the name of the owner cannot be ascertained ; and the Act of Assembly renders a lien thus filed entirely valid, provided the property be accurately described and the filing take place in proper time. When this real estate is sold by the Sheriff, he necessarily directs his searches in the public offices against those only in whom the title has been vested by deed. The lien of the City, therefore, nowhere appears on his searches ; and, so far, there is nothing to prevent him from paying the proceeds of sale to other claimants. This obliges the law officers to procure all of

the advertisements which the Sheriff issues, and to compare them with the liens past and present filed by the City, or by the former districts. Since this inconvenience first attracted my attention, it has been partially remedied by the construction of indexes of liens, made with reference to the Wards, so that when the locality of the property has been ascertained, search may be made only in the index for that particular Ward. This has been found to abridge our labor.

I will venture another suggestion. A large number of the Sheriff's sales, made at the instance of the City, produce but a small portion of the amount for which the respective properties are sold. The Law Department has no authority to bid in the name of the City. As a consequence, the property is struck down for a comparatively small sum, to a purchaser who, if he had been opposed, would have bidden more than the amount of the claim. If a change in the law, in this respect, were authorized, my observation of such sales, warrants me in saying that a large amount might be annually saved to the City. This suggests another thought. It frequently happens that a defendant has a good defence to the whole of a claim filed against him. To avoid expense and trouble, he is willing to pay a portion of it. Not unfrequently offers are made to pay all but the costs. In the present state of the Acts of Assembly and Ordinances, no authority to compromise exists. If this power were lodged somewhere, I am sure the City would save money.

The working force of this Department consists (in addition to the Solicitor) of a first assistant, three additional assistants, a clerk, and a temporary clerk now employed in the office of the Receiver of Taxes. The gentlemen thus employed have all discharged their duties in a satisfactory manner. I should do injustice, however, if I omitted to make special mention of the assistance I have derived in the discharge of my duties, from the first assistant, Mr. Ashmead. In his position, he has necessarily felt the first shock of the vast details which break over the Department. He has at all times encountered them with unwearied patience and the soundest discretion.

It has given me much gratification to be able to state, that the expenses of my Department, for the present year, have been reduced about five thousand dollars below the amount appropriated for the year 1856. The prediction which I ventured to make on this subject in my last report, has been fully verified.

In thus presenting the last Report which I shall make, as Solicitor of the City of Philadelphia, I have a grateful sense of the pleasant intercourse which has subsisted between my Department and the other officers of the City Government, almost without an exception. Wide differences of opinion have frequently existed among us, and especially between myself and a certain portion of the Councils; and, on these occasions, I have deemed it the best discharge of duty to defend with firmness, opinions deliberately formed. In a short time it is my intention to resign into the hands of Councils the brief authority with which my fellow citizens were pleased to invest me. On making this surrender, I shall carry away no other feeling than an earnest desire for the continued prosperity of our beautiful City.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

HEALTH.

Few cities in any country have been so highly blessed during the year just closed as regards the public health, as Philadelphia. The sewerage and the drainage, the cleansing of the streets, and the removal of nuisances, such important elements in preserving the City from disease, are as well attended to as the very limited sum expended on them will allow.

The following table is given to show the comparative conditions as to health of the cities therein named.

The aggregate mortality in the following cities in 1856 and 1857, was as follows:

	1856.	1857.		
Philadelphia,	12,090	10,950	Decrease,	1140
New York,	21,496	23,370	Increase,	1874
Baltimore,	5,677	5,524	Decrease,	153
Boston,	4,179	4,005	Decrease,	165
Total,	43,433	43,849	Increase,	416

RATIO OF DEATHS TO PRESENT ESTIMATED POPULATION.

	<i>Deaths in</i> 1857.	<i>Est. Pop.</i> 1857.	<i>Ratio of Deaths</i> <i>to Inhabitants.</i>
Philadelphia,	10,950	620,000	1 to 56
New York,	23,370	720,000	1 to 41
Baltimore,	5,524	235,000	1 to 43
Boston,	4,005	170,000	1 to 45

The corporation created by the Legislature of the State, charged with the conservation of the public health, known under the title of the "Board of Health," has been in existence as an independent institution since January 29, 1818.

If there have been faults in its management, it has some claim on public gratitude, for the perils it has encountered in times of pestilence, contagion, and death.

Within the past year serious charges have been made against some of the members comprising this Board, in their official character. These charges have assumed a shape, and have been sanctioned by an authority which demands for those so implicated an investigation.

The form such an investigation should take to insure that prompt and impartial justice is done to the guilty, and at the same time relieve those who are innocent from implication and censure, is a question worthy of consideration. Public opinion demands that fraud and wrong in public agents be prevented and punished. It is the duty of every honest citizen to condemn at the polls by his vote, in all proper places by his voice, and his example, official dishonesty in every form. Fraud in public affairs, like fraud in private business, should work a forfeiture of constituent confidence,

But this is not enough. Direct accountability to legal punishment should be made to follow those who are guilty. Examples must be made not only for the integrity of justice, but for protection of the public.

Until, however, the guilty are ascertained, it is highly improper to censure or condemn those in no way offending. Official association with the guilty, is not in itself evidence of complicity. I suggest to Councils, that as they have the power and legal right to impeach those parties who are justly amenable to this proceeding, to institute it at once, in order that no excuse can be found for any delay in the action of the legal officers, who are entrusted with the conduct of the pleas' commonwealth.

CITY PROPERTY.

Constant attention to the duties and intelligent management of the business of this office are so markedly the characteristics of Mr. Ahern, the Commissioner of City Property, that justice to him demands the expression of this opinion of his official conduct.

It has been a question not yet settled, if the rents, issues and profits of the real estate belonging to the Sinking Fund should not be paid to the City Treasurer to this account. I invite the notice of Councils to this subject. The City property, purchased for market sites, is not so profitable an investment as is demanded by the exigencies of the treasury. It should be sold or exchanged for City Loan. The advantage would be two-fold; the City securities would be strengthened in price, and this property in private hands would yield its share of taxation. A suit at law is now pending as to one of these properties, and this will not probably be of great pecuniary benefit to the City. It would be better to settle this legal controversy, and put the property in a condition to yield some revenue.

The necessity for enlarged accommodations in the public buildings is no longer a matter of doubt. The accommodations for the executive Department are

most unsuitable for its increasing business, and I earnestly invoke the action of Councils on the subject.

During the year a change has taken place in the office charged with the care of that portion of the City property under the designation of market-houses.

This has been salutary. The new Commissioner, Mr. Lamb, is making long needed reforms in this Department. The time is not far distant when the subject of markets in the public streets, under present regulations, will require re-organization if not a radical change in the system. I beg leave to refer to the suggestions on this subject contained in my communication to Councils in January, 1856.

The sums yearly appropriated for the repairs of the real estate owned by the City are most improperly charged to current expenses. With as much propriety would an individual, erecting a house, charge its cost to his current disbursements. The public money thus expended, is an investment for which each year should only yield its per centum on the original sum.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY, }
January 8, 1858. }

HON. RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of the City of Philadelphia,

SIR,—Your communication of December 22nd, ult., was promptly received, and in compliance with the request which you make therein, that I shall furnish you “a full, accurate and detailed account of the general condition of the Department of the City Property, its management during the past year, its financial condition, and all other information you (I) may deem practicable, or that will tend in the least to promote the City’s interest,” I have herewith the honor to submit the following report :

The annual appropriations for the year 1857, amounted to \$57,062 57, of which there have been expended \$49,920 06, leaving a balance unexpended of \$7,142 51; special appropriations, amounting in the aggregate to \$16,076 50, were also made ; out of which have been

expended \$14,754 89, leaving a balance of \$1,321 61 unexpended. The annual and special appropriations for the year amount to \$73,139 07; the expenditures to \$64,764 95, leaving unexpended, and to the credit of this Department, \$8,464 12.

The amount of revenue received, and paid to the City Treasurer, for the year past, was \$20,841 38.

Owing to the sale of a portion of the City property, as well, also, as to the fact that the Trustees of the Gas Works, who have been indebted to this Department since October 1st, last, in the sum of more than \$4,125, and who have, although repeatedly solicited to pay, failed to do so. The revenues of this Department have decreased in the sum of about \$13,125.

The general preservation and improvement of the City property has occasioned this Department much anxiety, and so far as the means afforded to it would permit, every effort has been made to fully discharge the responsibilities resting upon the Department in this respect.

Our public squares and parks have been scrupulously attended to, and every effort has been used to render them a prominent feature among the many beauties of our City.

The introduction of gas into the Jefferson square, has occurred within the past year, and is at once an improvement combining beauty and utility. In this connection, the Department would take the liberty of suggesting, whether it would not be well for Councils to inquire into the propriety of making a similar improvement in Rittenhouse, Logan, and Penn Square. The introduction of gas into places so much resorted to, accomplishes the double purpose of enabling the well-disposed to enjoy an evening walk, for the purpose of health and recreation, and at the same time acts as a restraint upon the immoral and dissolute.

In many of our public squares and parks, striking improvements have been made. Where trees have failed to grow in consequence of the severity of the season, or from other causes, they have been removed, and their places filled by the choicest varieties.

The Sedgely property was recently added to Fairmount Park, giving to us certainly one of the largest, and, so far as its natural features and its locality are concerned, one of the most beautiful places of public resort in the country; but, it is requisite that many improvements should be made there; as it is, it is a splendid monument of the liberality of public-spirited citizens, and it now requires municipal liberality and energy to render it what it was designed to be by the donors.

The "Hunting Park" improvement has been so far executed, that the entire plans have been staked out on the ground. The roads and walks are opened, and the soil taken out of them mixed with manure, in order to furnish material for planting trees, &c. Three thousand (3000) holes have been prepared for trees; these are each eight feet in diameter and eighteen inches in depth. In their formation nine thousand (9000) loads of inferior soil has been removed, and substituted by an equal quantity of the prepared compost; the inferior soil being used in grading the roads. Owing to the position of the ground, and the tenacious character of the subsoil, it was found necessary to undermine certain portions; upwards of nine thousand (9000) feet of drain-tiles have been inserted, from two and a half to three feet below the surface.

These have produced the desired effect, and the ground is now perfectly free of stagnant surface water. Twelve hundred and fifty (1250) trees have been planted, and now are in successful growth. Six hundred (600) of these are Evergreens of choice varieties. Two hundred and fifty (250) shrubby trees, for under growth, have been planted in ground manured and trenched specially for their reception, and there is ground prepared for an equal number more. A large portion of the roads and walks have been graded, and are now ready for stoning.

In the improvement to the Norris square, a large sum of money, nearly \$1600, has been expended in the filling up a deep and dangerous pond; and as the work is still incomplete, another appropriation will be

required for the purpose. Norris square was donated to the City by Messrs. Norris. It is a large and valuable piece of property, and certainly is eminently worth the care and attention of the Councils.

The wire bridge has been substantially improved; an entire new floor has been laid, giving, with other repairs, a degree of strength and solidity to the structure, which it has not had for many years. It will be necessary, however, in the ensuing spring, to have the cables and wood work thoroughly painted.

The State House clock, for the first time in eight years, has been put in perfect order and condition.

A tablet statement of the financial operations of the department for the past year is hereunto annexed, marked A.

Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE AHERN,
Com. of City Property.

A.

Statement of the expenditures of the Department of City Property.

Salaries of Commissioner and		
Messenger,	\$1,999 94	
Stationery and office expenses,	253 53	
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Tobacco Warehouse.

Salaries of Collector and Watch-		
man,	1,159 94	
Labor,	62 31	
	<hr/>	1,222 25

Public Halls.

Salaries of Superintendents,	2,473 26	
Cleansing,	331 95	
Salaries of the Keepers and Regu-		
lators of the Public Clocks,	499 95	
Cleaning and repairing Clocks,	271 92	
	<hr/>	3,577 08

Amount carried forward,	<hr/>	\$7,052 80
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Amount brought forward, \$7,052 80

Wire Bridge.

Salaries of Watchmen,	998 50	
Repairing and painting,	1,478 21	
	<hr/>	2,476 71

Public Squares.

Salaries of Superintendents,	4,699 94	
Labor and other expenses,	3,334 99	
	<hr/>	8,034 93

State House.

Salaries of Watchmen,	2,499 70	
Salaries of Watchmen of Steeple,	1,499 82	
Having the urinaries removed, and other suitable arrange- ments for public convenience made,	450 00	
	<hr/>	4,449 52

Improvements,

Improvements of Norris Square,	\$1,592 57	
“ Jefferson “	500 00	
“ Fairmount Park,	285 44	
“ Hunting Park and Salary of the Superinten- dent,	3,962 63	
Repairs and improvements to City Property,	1,797 35	
	<hr/>	8,137 99

Court Houses and Offices.

Repairs, cleansing and supplies,	\$2,923 17	
Fuel for Court Rooms and Offi- ces,	1,145 93	
Salary of janitor of grand and petit jury rooms,	600 00	
	<hr/>	4,669 10

Amount carried forward,	<hr/>	\$34,821 05
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Amount brought forward, \$34,821 05

Rents and Taxes.

Rent of rooms in Girard Bank, and corner Fifth and Chest- nut,	\$7,625 00	
Ground rent and interest on mortgages,	7,547 53	
Jonathan Mather, for ground rent,	131 67	
C. B. Fox, for arrears of ground rent,	3,375 00	
Mortgage on Jefferson Square,	4,085 75	
Mortgage in borough of Man- ayunk,	2,981 79	
Interest on Mortgage, (Fair- mount Park,	330 00	
	<hr/>	26,082 74

Miscellaneous.

Curbing and paving,	\$311 61	
G. M. Freeman's claim,	1,420 90	
Charles Beine, curbing and pa- ving,	105 00	
M. Thomas' claim,	1,565 55	
Insurance,	15 00	
N. Le Brun, balance of claim,	139 85	
James Longstroth, for lumber,	54 28	
G. P. McLean, for gilt frame,	10 00	
Small bills of 1856,	149 87	
	<hr/>	3,371 16
		<hr/>
		\$64,274 95

Recapitulation of Appropriations and Expenditures.

1857.	Appropriation.	Expenditure.
Jan'y 24,	\$1,420 00	\$1,420 00
Feb'ry 2,	141 67	141 67
March 26,	57,062 57	49,920 06
April 25,	4,250 00	4,805 75
May 9,	1,565 55	1,565 55
July 21,	61 64	54 28
Oct'r 28,	330 00	330 00
" "	1,110 00	
Nov'r 2,	6,362 79	6,362 79
" "	705 00	655 00
" "	139 85	139 85
By balance,	- - -	8,464 12
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	\$73,139 07	\$73,139 12

Receipts.

For City rental,	\$9,880 52
For ground rents,	7,281 96
For tobacco warehouse,	2,495 05
For incidental rents, &c. &c.,	647 67
For Guardians of the Poor, ground rents,	536 18
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Total receipts for 1857,	\$20,841 38
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OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES, }
Philadelphia, Dec. 29, 1857. }

TO THE HON. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of the City of Philadelphia,

SIR:—In obedience to the seventh section of the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia, requiring you to transmit to Councils a general statement of the condition of the several Departments of the City, I beg leave to inform you, that having but recently been elected to the position of Commissioner of this De-

partment, I cannot give you as much information as perhaps you may expect. The amount appropriated for the Department of Market Houses for 1857, was \$11,443 58, which amount is all expended, except a very small balance. The amount appropriated for the Department of Wharves and Landings for 1857, was \$9,588 17; amount expended, \$4,369 19—leaving a balance of \$5,218 98 unexpended. The market houses are all governed by the ordinances of the old districts previous to consolidation. No two are alike. Councils should pass an ordinance making them all subject to the same rules. I have issued an order, directing all forestallers that from and after the first day of January, 1858, to forthwith remove their wagons from the stands appropriated to people from the country, selling the produce of their own farms or gardens, which I ask you to assist me in carrying out.

All which I respectfully submit.

WILLIAM LAMB,
Commissioner of Market Houses.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

The ample supply of wholesome water is so important for the health and necessities of a large city, that no argument is necessary to support so manifest a proposition. Our water works have been managed during the past year as well as at any period in their history. Indeed, it is but justice to that department to say that promptness, intelligence and skill, have been exhibited highly creditable to Mr. Ogdin, the Chief Engineer. Since Mr. Bonsall has assumed the duties of Register, his character has been shown in the exactitude of the performance of his duties. This excellent condition of the department is highly satisfactory.

The annual expenses for the year 1857 amount to the sum of \$200,608 82, and the receipts for the same period to the sum of \$425,476 11.

In my last annual communication to Councils it was stated that the present works were hardly adequate to the increasing wants of the public. I beg to repeat

this statement. It will be the duty of Councils seriously to consider the best plan of increasing the supply of water, commensurate with the increase of population. The water basins at Fairmount should be enlarged and heightened. The Kensington Water Works abolished, and those at Spring Garden rendered capable of great and additional power, and enlarged distribution, and provision made for the construction of a basin at the Twenty-fourth Ward Works. This flourishing portion of our City is rapidly increasing, and the present mode of supplying its citizens by means of stand-pipe alone, is totally inadequate to meet the increasing demand. Measures must be taken to secure the water in the river Schuylkill from riparian adulterations. The forebay at Fairmount is still the outlet of a culvert, and I hope that after having repeatedly called your attention to this nuisance, it will be abated at an early day.

The report from this department has not been received. The following has been received from the Register of Water Rents:

In 1856 the amount of water rents received,	\$350,329	78
In 1857 " "	363,262	72
In 1856 the amount received for laying		
water pipes was	\$31,405	69
In 1857 " "	30,676	27

Upwards of \$25,000 has been paid during the year 1857 on this account to the City Solicitor, the cost of this service having been returned to that officer for lien.

The total amount of the water duplicates	
for 1857, was	\$376,545 92
For 1858 the amount is	383,363 22

Which will probably be raised to \$395,000 by the addition of those who have been struck off the books as delinquents for 1857, but who are now paying—upwards of \$1500 of the delinquents having been collected since the 1st day of January. The total amount delinquent for 1857 was \$15,353.

CITY TREASURY.

The Report of the City Treasurer contains valuable information. I have no further remarks to make on this department than have been already expressed.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, GIRARD BANK, }
Philadelphia, January 2, 1858. }

HON. RICHARD VAUX,
 Mayor of Philadelphia.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 22d ult., asking for a full, accurate and detailed account of the general condition of this department, &c., was duly received.

The report of the City Controller will more fully show the financial condition of the City than any report it is in my power to give from the record of this department. His register of warrants, countersigned and paid, will enable him to state accurately the floating indebtedness of the City, which I have no means of knowing. I beg leave to furnish you herewith a general statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year, as compiled from the books of this department:

On the 1st of January, 1857, the balance	
in the treasury amounted to	\$731,484 47
The total receipts during the year were,	4,072,267 11
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	4,803,751 58
Total payments during the year,	4,315,713 48
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Leaving a balance on the 1st of January,	
1858, of	488,038 10
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To the credit of the Girard trust there	
was on hand January 1st, 1857, a bal-	
ance of	56,854 11
Total receipts during the year,	191,537 59
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	248,391 70

Disbursements during the year,	172,628 58
Leaving a balance, January 1, 1858, of	<u>75,763 12</u>
The several other trust accounts showed	
a balance, January 1st, 1857, of	8,478 29
Receipts during the year,	<u>16,412 26</u>
	24,890 55
Payments during the year,	<u>19,796 07</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1858.	<u>5,094 48</u>

The financial condition of the City during the past few months has been anything but satisfactory. Under the present system of collecting taxes, there is usually a scarcity of money in the treasury during the months of September, October and November. The discount for prompt payment at that time is not such as to induce many tax payers to settle their accounts with the Receiver until the end of the year.

To provide for this deficiency, last year Councils passed an ordinance, which was approved September 7, 1857, authorizing a temporary loan of \$180,000, to meet the current demands on the treasury. With this loan, in ordinary times, and the usual revenues of the City, I am quite confident every debt contracted by the corporation during the past year would have been promptly met. But the financial crisis, that soon after overtook the country, rendered it impossible to borrow more than \$75,000 on account of this loan, and prevented large receipts from taxation. The subsequent default of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in their November dividend, whereby the City lost \$200,000 of their anticipated receipts, left the treasury almost without revenue, and the City was rendered unable to meet her engagements.

With our very moderate receipts, every effort has been made by me to maintain the reputation of the City, and give relief to her creditors. The money

borrowed in September for the payment of the employees of the City, was promptly paid when due. The unexpected call for \$30,000 of interest on the loan of \$1,000,000 of the late Districts of Spring Garden and Northern Liberties, to the Pennsylvania Railroad, was also promptly met as soon as an ordinance was passed authorizing the payment. A large amount, too, has been paid to the now needy of the City's creditors, the holders of warrants for small sums, and I am satisfied that but a very limited amount of these is now outstanding.

With the balance in the treasury, and the current receipts from ordinary sources, together with the amount not used in the temporary loan of Sept. 7, 1857, I am confident of being able not only to pay the semi-annual interest on the funded debt now due, but also soon to redeem all the small warrants of last year, still outstanding, including those just issued to the school teachers, policemen, and others.

Nothing can relieve the pressure in the treasury from the holders of the larger claims against the City, but the prompt collection of the taxes of 1858; and it must be a source of gratification to every good citizen to see the determination evinced by Councils to fix the rate of taxation, and place the books in the hands of the Receiver at an early day.

There is still a large amount of the warrants of 1855 and 1856 outstanding, on which interest has accumulated, and which ought to be paid. No appropriation was made for this purpose the past year, in consequence of the embarrassed condition of the City's finances. I trust, however, that but a few weeks will elapse before the condition of the treasury will be such as to justify Councils in passing an ordinance for this purpose, and that we shall soon be able to congratulate ourselves on the ability of the City to cancel every outstanding evidence of floating indebtedness, and promptly meet all her new engagements.

Very respectfully yours,

WM. V. McGRATH,
City Treasurer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The views I have already expressed to Councils on the subject of the Fire Department need only a repetition. It is my opinion that the department is large enough, if the number of the companies composing it is considered, and that many of the companies are not provided with all the appliances which are necessary for their proper efficiency. Increasing the number does not secure this proper efficiency. When it is known that the City annually appropriates the interest of a principal sum of over \$600,000 to aid in the support of this department, very much will be expected by the public from it.

I would suggest to Councils that, instead of the joint Committee on Legacies and Trusts being required to hear the complaints made against the companies composing the Department, for violations of the ordinances governing it, that a Board be created, composed of the Chief Engineer, the Chief of Police, and the President of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all these complaints, and inflict the proper penalty. The expenses of this Board can be defrayed by deducting from the annual appropriations to the companies reported, their pro rata proportions of the cost of its support.

Some remedy is necessary to prevent the false alarms of fire on the Sabbath day. This evil is one that must be stopped. I most earnestly trust that Councils will ordain severe penalties against those companies which permit persons, not members of any admitted organization, to disturb the public peace on the Sabbath day by the outrages thus committed. It is most disgraceful, and it is to be sincerely hoped Councils can be induced to interpose, by some stringent legislation, to enable the authorities to put an end to it at once. The responsibility now rests on the ordinance ordaining power, and there the public must hereafter look for the remedy.

I sincerely hope the time will soon come when all the evils connected with our present system will be

remedied by the members belonging to the fire companies. They owe it to their experience, intelligence and love of social order, and to the fair fame of their city, to make a determined effort to redeem the character of the Philadelphia Fire Department from reproaches which none more readily admit than the true firemen themselves. It is stated with thankfulness, that for the past year no large conflagration has occurred in our city. A large majority of the fires have been of trifling character. The police have extinguished many without even giving an alarm. The few which required the aid of the whole department were at once subdued with the vigor and skill which always has characterized the Philadelphia Fire Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The demands upon this branch of the public service are almost unreasonable. The public regard it as possessed of superhuman powers. Whatever requires attention in the community, either for correction, remedy, adjustment or prevention, the police is appealed to, without considering if the authority invoked is justified, allowed or sanctioned by the laws, or within the scope of their duties. Every individual in the community believes that every want, or wish, or caprice of his own, whether reasonable, practicable or legal, should be promptly attended to by the police. Every inconvenience, remedial or not, is charged as so many evidences of the incompetency of this department. Each citizen expects an officer to be stationed at his door, or within his call, every hour in the day or night. Unreasonable as this is, yet it comes within the daily experience of those entrusted with the administration of the police authority. It is impossible, therefore, that the department should give entire satisfaction to everybody. If an officer does too much, he is charged with being indiscreet; if too little, he is condemned for negligence.

It would require tenfold the number of men to do one tithe of the labor demanded by individuals, under

the assertion, that the public necessities need its performance. If the people properly understood the duties the police have to perform, and wish to aid in making the department equal in character to any other, it would better become many of them to devote less time in senseless censure of its members, and more caution in assuming these officers are always wrong. The moral power of the department rests on public confidence. He who incautiously censures, or without reliable knowledge of the facts condemns, those entrusted with the onerous duty belonging to the police, inflicts an injury on the welfare of the community. It is easy to censure, equally easy to complain, no less difficult to find fault, but it is very hard to do simple justice to the police force. It is made the scapegoat of every grumbler in a community of over 600,000 souls. With all these drawbacks and disadvantages the police department can now invite intelligent and honorable criticism as to the private and official character of its members, the efficiency of its organization, and the amount of services it performs. For the past year the police department has been under the closest supervision. Great efforts have been made to render it worthy of the confidence and respect of the people. It will bear comparison with any other department, or any other city on the continent. It is a sign of singular significance, that during the past year no charge has been made against one member of the department for any offence of a higher grade than "assault and battery." A form of vengeance which follows the performance of duty. The reward for risks to preserve the peace, or protect society. Sporadic partizan efforts to affect municipal stability.

For the management of the department for the past year, I hold myself responsible. After assuming the duties of the mayoralty, some months were required to understand what was undeniably needed to render the department effective. The re-organization of the system of police was not completed until the 1st of January, 1857. Early in that year the present system of government of the force was put in operation.

The basis on which it rests, is that which regulates a military organization. Its prominent features are direct accountability for, constant supervision by, the superiors over their commands.

The self respect of the members of the service is stimulated by promotion awarded, and neglect of duty punished. The letter of the system is accountability—its spirit supervision. The department proper is subdivided under the following heads: 1. Preventive Department. 2. Detective. 3. Fire Detective. 4. Telegraphic. 5. Municipal. 6. Magisterial.

Each of these subdivisions has its separate and distinctive duties, and is entrusted to the care of a chief officer, who is held responsible for the trust thus imposed.

The Chief of Police, Mr. Samuel G. Ruggles, is charged with the superintendence of the police force, or preventive department. His duties are arduous. Commanding this body of men at all times, he is required to know they are ready for duty, and he has charge of them when called into service. This force consists of 17 divisions. Each division has its lieutenant and two sergeants. While performing duty in their several districts, the lieutenants and sergeants are the commanding officers. This district, or patrol duty, is vitally important. Over 600 miles of highways are thus guarded. The several lieutenants and sergeants are required to know that each of these officers performs this patrol service. The method of ascertaining this fact is by signals, that are almost unremitting.

The force is drilled in tactics suited to the nature of their duties. Daily reports are made to the Mayor by the lieutenants of each district. All complaints against the members of the force are tried by a court martial, daily convened for the purpose, consisting of the chief and two lieutenants of police. The testimony is reduced to writing by the clerk of this branch of the service, and the judgment of the court is final, unless disapproved by the Mayor.

The detective branch is under the government of Mr.

J. H. Bulkley, an old and experienced officer. The duties of this office are best indicated by its designation. The arrest and conviction of criminals requires intelligence and unyielding integrity. I am happy to know, that not a single charge impeaching the character for honesty, or neglect of duty, has been made during the past year, against a single officer in this service. On the contrary, they have received the highest testimonials of character, not only from our own citizens, but from other sections of the country. To maintain in this branch of the public service strict integrity, and to secure that kind of intelligence which is an essential qualification for the proper discharge of its duties, has been my earnest effort. The operations of this department for the past year fully satisfy me that both these objects have been accomplished. To continue this standard of character is far more difficult than to inaugurate it.

POLICE OFFICE, PHILADA., }
Detective Department Jan. 1st, 1858. }

TO THE HON. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.

SIR:—I have the honor to furnish herewith a report of the number of warrants issued at the Central office during the past year, and the offences charged. A return of the whole number of cases heard by the sitting Magistrate, Alderman Eneu, with the offences charged. And also a report of the whole number of cases returned to the Court of Quarter Sessions, with the offences as charged.

The office Affidavit Books, numbering from 25 to 29, inclusive, exhibit 734 complaints of various descriptions, written out in full; the character of these will appear in the report of the warrants issued.

The number of cases heard by the magistrate is 2,907, including 3,411 individuals; 458 persons entered bonds for further hearings or to keep the peace, and 694 to answer at court. The commitments to prison amount to 1,914, presenting an aggregate of labor, thus:

Affidavits, &c.,	-	-	734
Warrants,	-	-	670
Cases heard,	-	-	2,000
Commitments,	-	-	1,914
Bonds,	-	-	458
	-	-	694
Returns,	-	-	661
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Averaging about 27 records per day. The operations of the department are matter of daily report to your Honor, and appear in the record of cases brought before the sitting Magistrate.

With much respect,

Your obedient servant,

J. HENRY BULKLEY,

Chief of the Detective Department of Police.

RETURN

For the year 1857, of the Chief of the Detective Department of Police, made to the Mayor on the first day of January, 1858, containing the number of cases returned to Court of Quarter Sessions, and the various offences charged.

OFFENCES.	Feb'y Term.	April Term.	June Term.	Aug. Term.	Octr. Term.	Dec. Term.	TOTAL.
Arson,	5	1	1	1	1	6	15
Assault and Battery,	19	22	12	21	13	8	95
Assault with Intent to Kill,	5		2		1	2	10
Assaulting Policemen and others,	3				1		4
Adultery,	1		1				2
Burglary,	2	5	1	4		4	16
Burglary, Attempt to Commit,						1	1
Conspiracy to Steal and to Cheat,	1	3	3	4	2	2	15
Conspiracy to procure Abortion,			2				2
Disorderly Houses, Bawdy Houses,	4	4			3	3	14
Embezzlement,				1			1
Forgery,	1	1	2	18	2	1	25
False Pretence,				1		2	3
Forcible Entry and Detainer,							1
Gambling,	1		2				3
Insanity,						1	1
Keeping a Vicious Dog,		1					1
Larceny,	41	43	44	40	44	56	268
" Suspicion of,	1					1	2
Miscellaneous Misdemeanors,	16	24	10	20	11	23	104
Murder,		2	2	1		3	8
Mayhem,				1			1
Nuisance,					1		1
Pickpockets,	2	2			3		7
Passing Counterfeit Money,	1	1	1		5	2	15
Rape,	1			1			2
" Attempt to Commit,	1	1			1		3
Receiving Stolen Goods,	3		2			1	6
Robbery, Highway,	1	4	4	3	1	1	14
Riot,	1	3		5	2	5	16
Selling Lottery Policies,	3						3
Threatening,					2		2
	113	117	89	127	93	122	661

RETURN

For the year 1857, of the Chief of the Detective Department of Police, made to the Mayor on the first day of January, 1858, containing the number of Warrants for Arrest issued, and the various offences charged at the Central Office.

OFFENCES.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Ap'l	May	Jun.	July	Aug	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL.
Arson.	3					2							5
Assault and Battery,	4	6	4	6	10	4	8	5	8	10	3	4	72
“ with intent to kill,	1	2	1	3	5	1		1	2	1	1	2	20
Assaulting policemen,	5	7	3	5	6	3	2	4	3	5	1	4	48
Abducting, fugitives from justice,	2	5	2	1	1	3	2	1				1	18
Burglary.			3								1	1	5
Breach of peace.	5	5	9	6	2	8	4	3	2	7	5	2	58
Conspiracy to cheat and defraud, &c.,	1	2	2		3	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	19
Disorderly houses, baw- dy, &c.,	1	2	1	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	22
Forgery.	3	2	4	2	2	1	3	2	4	5	2		30
False pretence,	3	4	2		2	2		2		3	2	1	21
Gambling.		2	1				1			1	1		6
Horse stealing,	1	1		2									4
Indecent exposure,	1			1									2
Interfering with officers,	3	5	4	6	2	4	3	5	3	4	2	1	42
Keeping vicious dog,		1			2	5					1		9
Larceny.	10	6	3	13	5	9	8	5	6	6	6	4	81
Miscellaneous misd- emeanors,	15	9	7	10	14	8	6	12	5	3	7	5	101
Mayhem,						2							2
Passing counterfeit mon- ey.	4	2	3	4	1	3	3	2	1	3	1		27
Percery,						1			1				2
Rape,	1	1	1	1									4
Receiving stolen goods,	2	1	1	3	1	2	3		2	2	1	1	20
Robbery, (highway),		1	1			1							3
Riot,	1		1			1		1	1		1		6
Selling liquor without license,		4	7	1	3	4	2	1	2	3	1	1	29
Selling lottery policies,					7								7
Sent to House of Refuge,		1											1
Threatening,	1	1	1	1	4	4			2				14
Vagrancy,		1		1									2
Total Warrants,	67	71	61	70	74	72	48	48	45	56	37	31	680

RETURN

For the year 1857, of the Chief of the Detective Department of Police, made to the Mayor on the first day of January, 1858, containing the number of cases heard, and the various offences charged, before Alderman Joseph Enue, Sitting Magistrate, Central Office, viz :

OFFENCES.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Ap'l	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Arson,	6		1		1	2	2	1		5	6	5	29
Assault and battery, and as-													
saulting policemen,	31	34	21	33	26	41	37	38	24	33	34	22	374
Assault with intent to kill,	2		1			7	1	2		2	1	9	25
Aiding and assisting to escape,	1	2	1	2	3	5							14
Adultery,					1	3			2				7
Attempt to pick pockets,	2	2	7			1	3			2			17
Burglary,		4	2	6	10	5	1			6	8	6	48
“ attempt to commit,	2												2
Breach of peace,	35	50	53	56	79	141	69	43	50	35	33	33	677
Bigamy,		1					1		1				3
Bawdy houses,	4	1	2	6	6	5	8	6	2			2	42
Breaking in store, &c., intent,	1	2	1	1	4		2						11
Conspiracy to cheat and de-													
fraud and extort,	1		1	3		2		2		4	2	3	18
Carrying concealed weapons,	4		4	1	1	1	1		2	2		2	18
Cruelty to animals,	1										2		3
Disorderly houses,			2	1		2	1					2	8
Deserters, desertion of wife, &c.											1		1
Forgery,							2	1		1		11	15
False pretence,	1	2	2	1	2	10	4	6	6	4	4	3	45
Felony, and attempt to com't,					1	4	3		5		2		15
Fraud,	1	2	7	1									11
Fugitives from justice,	4		4	1	2		4	1	4	1	2	2	25
Fast driving,	2	4	5	3	4	5	6	1	4	1	3	2	35
Forcible entry and detainer,					2	1	1	1					5
Fornication,					1								1
Fighting,				4	1	5	6	2	4	3			25
Gambling,		2	1			1				1	1		6
Highway robbery,			2	3	2	4	1		1	1		4	18
Intoxication and disorderly													
conduct,	18	15	31	21	46	57	43	36	29	19	18	22	355
Indecent exposure,	1	1	2	3	2	5	3	2	2				21
Interfering with officers,							1	3	1	1		1	7
Incest,						1							1
Indecent assault,									1				1
Larceny,	13	37	42	40	33	35	24	25	41	61	47	51	449
“ suspicion of,		1	2	1					1				5
Miscellaneous misdemeanors,	1	3	10	8	9	1	2	5	3	5	9	2	58
Murder,	1	2	1			1		1		2	1	1	10
Malicious mischief,	6	6	11	9	5	7	7	8	4	3	6	4	76
Mayhem,						1							1
Nuisance,						1		2					3
Obstructing highway,			4	1	3	2	1	2	1			3	17
Pickpockets,	1	1		3	1				2	2	2	1	14
Passing counterfeit money,	6	6	2	11	3	11	20	1	9	2	12	1	92
Perjury,				1				1	1				3
Rape,	1			1						1			3
“ attempt to commit,												1	1
Receiving stolen goods,	1	4	4	4	5	4	1		3	7	5	3	41
Robbery,	1	2											3
Riot,	4	2	1		1	3	1	3	5	1	3	6	30
“ inciting to,	4	1	2	1	2	2	1		1		3	2	19
Selling liquor without license													
(tippling house),	7	9	5	2	2	5	1	1	1	4	1	2	40
Selling lottery policies,	3												10
Sent to House Refuge,	1			4		2	2	3	4	1	2	2	23
Sending challenge to fight,						1	2					3	6
Threatening,	5	2	6	2	2	5	3	3	4	2	2		36
Vagrancy,	4	5	5	2	9	11	10	15	3	6	4	4	77
Vicious dog, keeping,		1			2	2		1				1	7
Total number of cases,	177	204	246	233	283	405	275	219	215	218	216	216	2907

THE FIRE DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The attention of the Police Department was directed, during the last winter, to the causes of fires. Several occurred that made it a matter of serious doubt from what cause they originated. The officers, who were promptly on the ground, were, on being interrogated, at a loss to explain the facts which met their notice. The location of the fire in the buildings burnt, the mode of access to this location at the time of the discovery, the circumstances attending the facts ascertained, the character of the fire itself, and the inaccessibility of the theories suggested, made it very desirable that this most important subject should receive attention. This subject having been fully considered, and its importance demonstrated, it was manifestly the duty of the Department to take active measures to protect the public interest and detect the cause of arson whenever it was committed. No more difficult task could be undertaken. This crime is of the highest grade. The motives which induce it are the most heinous. The plan for its consummation, secret and in darkness, both as to conception and detail, vigilance is baffled, the evidence of guilt most difficult to discover. Thus is the incendiary shrouded in an almost impenetrable veil. In order, therefore, to establish a detective agency, solely charged with the duty of ascertaining the causes of fires and punishing those guilty of this dangerous felony, I created the fire detective branch of the police service. Mr. A. W. Blackburn was detailed as the chief officer. He entered upon his duties on the first day of June, 1857. The most satisfactory results have been obtained from the operations of this Department. Without the advantage of any experience to the best mode of proceeding, I have found that the instructions given to Mr. Blackburn, were ample for beginning the service. It has not cost the public treasury one cent. The Department is now equal to that in New York in success and efficiency, and in its developments and results has equalled not only my most sanguine expectations, but

discovers its entire equality with the advantages of the New York system, which has been over four years in active existence.

I desire no legislative aid for this Department, convinced that, having the confidence of the public and the assistance of the gentlemen composing the different fire companies of the City, I can reach the object contemplated by this institution. The following report of Mr. Blackburn is so worthy of your attention that I take leave to introduce it in this communication.

POLICE OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, }
FIRE DETECTIVE BRANCH, *January, 1858.* }

HON. RICHARD VAUX, Mayor,

SIR :—On the 16th of May last you sent for me, and informed me that the subject of establishing a branch of the detective police service to be specially charged with the duty of investigating the causes of fires and detecting incendiaries, had for some time exercised your mind, and having become convinced that the public interest demanded the immediate creation of such a Department, you had resolved to effect its organization without further delay. You did me the honor to say that you had selected me as the chief officer of the new Department, and desired that I would take the matter into consideration and give you an answer as soon as possible.

Knowing that the position would be one of delicate and heavy responsibility, and that the duties it must necessarily impose would be at once arduous and harassing, indeed always beginning and never ending, I almost doubted my ability, mental as well as physical, to accomplish the task. After mature reflection and earnest deliberation, however, for several days, I told you that I would undertake the situation, and do the best I could.

Your honor immediately issued the following order :

“The Mayor directs and orders, that there shall be a branch of the Detective Department of the Police, to be called the ‘Fire Detective Police,’ which shall be composed of one officer to act as chief, and another who is an experienced builder, with as many competent assistants as may become necessary.

“The Fire Detective Police shall be governed by the following rules, viz :

“1st. The Chief shall have an office at the Central Police Station, and shall keep a record of all the fires that may occur in any part of the consolidated City of Philadelphia.

2d. The Fire Detective Police shall attend all fires that can be reached during their prevalence, and when their great distance or other unavoidable causes render this impossible, the place shall be visited as soon after the occurrence of the fire as possible.

“3d. At every alarm of fire, both day and night, the fire detectives shall promptly repair to the scene of conflagration, and shall immediately make an examination for the purpose of ascertaining the origin of the fire. Every effort must be used to discover the cause of burning, and to establish with as much accuracy and certainty as the nature of the case will admit, whether the fire was the work of design or otherwise.

“4th. Wherever it is clearly and satisfactorily ascertained that the fire was the act of incendiarism, the detectives will exert themselves to the extent of their ability, and relax no effort, to ferret out and bring to justice the guilty authors of the crime.

“5th. The Chief shall, with all possible promptitude and despatch, make a report in writing to the Mayor of the result of the investigation made by him at each fire, accompanied with such information or suggestions as he may deem proper.”

The next day you handed to the Chief of Police, Mr. Ruggles, the following :

“The Mayor directs that you instruct the Lieutenants and Sergeants of Police to enjoin upon the members of their respective divisions the great importance of vigilance in regard to the detection of incendiaries.

The night patrol, particularly, should never neglect this important duty.

"All properties on their several beats which, from their exposed location and combustible character, offer peculiar temptations to the incendiary, such as stables, unfinished buildings, board yards, unoccupied houses, barns, sheds, &c., should be especially watched, and all prowlers, seen under suspicious circumstances at unseasonable hours, should, in all cases be overhauled, and those who do not give a satisfactory account of themselves, invariably taken to the station-house.

"The Mayor further directs that every officer of the Police Department who may obtain any information relative to fires which have been the work of design, or may have any knowledge of parties suspected of being incendiaries, will immediately communicate the same to the Chief of the Fire Detectives."

On the same day, with your approbation, I addressed a circular to the several companies of the Fire Department, soliciting their co-operation and aid in the labors imposed upon the Fire Detective Police. This communication, I am gratified to say, met a cordial and hearty response on the part of the firemen.

A few days afterwards, you transmitted to me a communication containing special instructions. It concluded as follows :

"I am most anxious that this department of the police should be put in a well-considered system of operations. That nothing is left to chance or accident, so far as the basis of your action is concerned. I wish you so to reflect upon your proceedings, as that the practice you adopt should, in time, be put in the form of permanent rules for the government of the department. Experience is the best, indeed the only test, of the propriety as well as practicability of the course to be adopted. A journal should be kept of all your actions in relation to each case. This journal should note all the facts you obtain as to the different cases; each case should be numbered. The result of your opinions should also be given in each case, my object being, as you perceive, to get such a statement of each

case as physicians seek as to the origin, development, treatment, &c., of each case of disease in their practice. By this means you will have data on which to base opinions in many cases, and, besides, this record in itself will be very valuable. Results, then, will be most anxiously waited for, in order to ascertain how the system works, and who works it."

On the first day of June, I entered regularly upon the duties of my appointment. Having no guide, I was obliged to rely upon my own judgment, and learn by the experience of each day and night. I soon found that, though the labor was difficult and often perplexing, still I had an interesting field before me. I applied myself to the work with all the industry and ardor of which I was capable, determined to produce a practicable and sure system of operations for the Department. In this, I believe, I have succeeded far beyond my most sanguine expectations, and I am happy to say that the results have met your entire approval. It affords me pleasure to add that I have received the warmest encouragement from all good citizens of every class, and the heartiest support from the whole Fire Department. I have likewise received every assistance from the members, one and all, without regard to rank, of the police force, of whose promptness and zeal I cannot speak too highly. My thanks are furthermore due to the Committing Magistrates and Judges of the Criminal Court, and the District Attorney and his assistants, and to the Ward Constables and Court Officers for their cheerful and ready aid on all occasions.

Under your instructions I visited New York, for the purpose of studying the system of fire detective police which has been in operation in that City for four years. I found that its history was but the history of our system here, the only difference being the respective ages of the two. The fire-marshal, Mr. Alfred E. Baker, the author of the system there, I found to be a gentleman eminently qualified for the situation. He has made the position highly honorable, and while he en-

joys an enviable personal reputation, his office, by its good results, has attained such an universal popularity, that the people of the Empire Metropolis could not be persuaded to do without it. I had extended to me by Mr. Baker the most courteous attention, and am largely indebted to him for much important information and excellent advice, and also for many valuable and instructive statistics.

In accordance with the system adopted for the regulation of the Fire Detective Police of this City, examinations into the causes of fires are constantly in progress. The investigations, while thorough, searching, and rigid, are strictly fair and impartial. They are pursued quietly and perseveringly, regardless alike of public clamor and the wishes of interested persons. The floating rumors of the hour, hasty opinions, absolute theories, and unreasonable prejudices, are treated with just so much regard and consideration as they deserve. Sensible ideas receive, at all times, the most respectful attention and deference. Truth is the great object sought after, and this important purpose never is lost sight of. While the cause of justice is always made paramount, the feelings of every body are respected and the real interests of all parties sacredly guarded. The conclusions arrived at in each case are based upon the best evidence that could be obtained, and they are never announced until their correctness is believed to be entirely reliable. Where crime is ascertained, every clue that may lead to its discovery is eagerly seized, and diligently and unceasingly followed up. The incendiary may delude himself into a feeling of security, and may imagine that he can defy detection, but he is never safe a moment. Although he may often escape the vigilance of the patrolman, and baffle the sagacity and skill of the detective for a long time, he is nevertheless in continual danger of being unmasked and brought to punishment. Every case of arson is recorded, and every fact concerning it carefully noted. No case of this heinous crime is ever forgotten.

I most respectfully submit for your information the

following report of the operations of the Fire Detective Police from the date of its organization, embracing a period of seven months :

The whole number of fires of every kind, including the most trivial as well as the most destructive, which have occurred in the Consolidated City of Philadelphia from the 1st day of June to the 31st day of December, 1857, inclusive, was 438. This number, at first view, may seem large, yet when it is analysed, and the proper explanation in regard to it given, it will appear in a different light, and the reason of it will be readily understood and appreciated. Previous to the establishment of the Fire Detective Police, numbers of small fires happened, particularly in the suburbs and environs of the City, which were never heard of. The operations of the Fire Detectives extends over every part of the immense area comprised within the new City. Included in the present boundaries of our magnificent metropolis are, besides the built up portions of the City proper and incorporated Districts, the Neck, Kingsessing, the former borough towns of Germantown, Manayunk, Frankford, Aramingo, Whitehall and Bridesburg, and the villages of Rising Sun, Nicetown, Tioga, Mount Airy, Chestnut Hill, Franklinville, McCartyville, Branchtown, Milestown, Holmesburg, Tacony, Torrisdale, Bustleton, Somerton, Collegeville, Fox Chase, Knightsville, Mechanicsville, Pleasantville, Leverington, Rittenhousetown, Wissahickon, Falls of Schuylkill, Belmont, Hestonville, Monroeville, Haddington, Paschalville, Maylandville, and many other smaller places. Now, a careful record is kept of every fire, however trifling, which occurs in any part of the Metropolis, the place of its occurrence being always visited, and inquiry made into every circumstance connected with it. Of the 438 fires there were 43 where the damage did not exceed one dollar, and 169 where the loss ranged from five to fifty dollars, so that nearly one-half of the total number were of an unimportant character. The loss by no one fire reached \$50,000, and there were not more than half a dozen fires by which the damage sustained exceeded \$25,000.

The location of fires, as to wards, was as follows: First Ward, 24; Second Ward, 16; Third Ward, 20; Fourth Ward, 23; Fifth Ward, 29; Sixth Ward, 21; Seventh Ward, 18; Eighth Ward, 10; Ninth Ward, 19; Tenth Ward, 17; Eleventh Ward, 11; Twelfth Ward, 13; Thirteenth Ward, 10; Fourteenth Ward, 15; Fifteenth Ward, 45; Sixteenth Ward, 12; Seventeenth Ward, 16; Eighteenth Ward, 8; Nineteenth Ward, 18; Twentieth Ward, 17; Twenty-first Ward, 12; Twenty-second Ward, 25; Twenty-third Ward, 16; Twenty-fourth Ward, 23—total 438.

The properties destroyed or damaged comprise the following list: Dwellings, 166; stores, 59; stables, 52; manufactories, 30; sheds, 27; chimneys, 27; shops, 19; unoccupied buildings, 15; barns, 13; out-houses, 11; window curtains, 10; hotels, 9; haystacks, 8; beds, 8; lumber yards, 7; warehouses, 6; kilns, 5; halls, 5; churches, 5; offices, 5; unfinished buildings, 4; bakeries, 4; refectories, 4; school-houses, 3; ice-houses, 3; slaughter-houses, 3; counting-houses, 3; freight depots, 3; fences, 3; brush piles, 3; hay bales, 3; empty barrels, 3; mills, 3; dye-houses, 2; boarding-houses, 2; theatres, 2; printing establishments, 2; daguerreotype saloons, 2; bath-houses, 2; lager beer saloons, 2; ropewalks, 2; row boats, 2; hay ricks, 2; shaving piles, 2; crates, 2; brooms, 2; woods, 2; laundry, 1; distillery, 1; ice depot, 1; lithographic establishment, 1; orphan asylum, 1; Synagogue, 1; gymnasium, 1; fire-engine house, 1; hose-house, 1; smoke-house, 1; carriage-house, 1; market-house, 1; lime-house, 1; tenement-house, 1; quarry, 1; spring-house, 1; tool box, 1; pigeon-house, 1; piggery, 1; hay barrack, 1; rail pile, 1; lumber pile, 1; rubbish heap, 1; charcoal wagon, 1; baker's cart, 1; omnibus, 1; steamboat, 1; cotton bale, 1; straw pile, 1; barrel of tar, 1; whiskey cask, 1; empty hogshead, 1; bureau, 1; chest, 1; flag, 1—total 593.

The origin of the fires was as follows: Accident, 89; incendiarism, 62; foul chimneys, 27; explosion of fluid lamps, 24; mischief of boys, 15; spontaneous combustion, 13; gas lights in show windows, 12; reckless

carelessness of drunken men, 12; defective flues, 12; rekindling of extinguished fires, 12; negligence in placing lights too near window curtains, 10; unknown, 9; children playing with Lucifer matches, 8; sparks from chimneys, 8; carelessness, 8; children playing with fire, 5; defective construction of heaters; carelessness of vagrants sleeping in barns, stables, sheds, &c., 5; hot ashes, 4; friction of machinery, 4; heated stove-pipes in too close proximity to wood work, 3; burglary and arson, 2; fireworks, 2; lightning, 2; upsetting of lighted camphene lamps, 2; intense heat of a glass enamelling oven, 2; defective construction of buildings, 2; reckless carelessness of intoxicated women, 2; cigar stumps retaining fire thoughtlessly thrown down on floors in contact with sweepings, 2; boys smoking cigars while hunting for pigeons in hay lofts, 2; rats gnawing friction matches, 2; freaks of insane people, 2; hot cinders, 1; spark from a forge, 1; larceny and arson, 1; attempted murder and arson, 1; revenge of an insane woman, 1; carelessness in extinguishing a fire in a furnace, 1; ignition of lump charcoal in a bin by a spark from a silver worker's forge, 1; falling and bursting of a lighted camphene lamp, 1; boiling over of pitch, 2; heat of a steam boiler, 1; carelessness in extinguishing a fire in a stove, 1; spark from a blacksmith's shop, 1; carelessness in smoking a pipe in a stable, 1; capsizing of a kettle of boiling fat, 1; falling in of a portion of the arch of a bake oven, 1; sparks from a dentist's furnace, 1; explosion of a spirit lamp, 1; carelessness in placing a candle too near a window sill, 1; lighted cigar heedlessly left on a table close to loose paper, 1; leaving a burning candle stuck on a bench in a work-shop, 1; children setting fire to shavings in a cellar, 1; hot ashes from a cigar, 1; carelessness in building a fire in a portable summer furnace on the wooden floor of an entry in a tenement house, 1; joist fired by a red-hot stove pipe, 1; spark from a fire of shavings in a cooper-shop, 1; coals falling from a forge in a foundry, 1; shavings set on fire under the stairway of his own house by a man crazy with liquor, 1; carelessness in

extinguishing a paper lighter, 1; intoxicated female attempting to light a fire in a stove, 1; spilling of camphene on a warm hearth from an over-turned lamp, 1; flake of red-hot soot from the burning of a foul chimney, 1; drunken woman taking an uncovered light into a cow stable, 1; hot ashes from the smoking pipe of a loafer who had taken up his lodgings upon a hay pile, 1; blazing of meat left in a frying pan over the fire while the housewife was gossiping in the yard with a neighbor, 1; carelessness in sticking a lighted candlestick against the wall of a frame stable, 1; boy putting paper in a furnace flue for sport, 1; latent spars from blasting, 1; careless erection of a furnace, 1; foul flue, 1; hot coals pulled out of a stove by a child, 1; violent assault and arson, 1; revenge of a boy, 1; bon-fire built by mischievous urchins near a stable, 1; scale from hot iron in a rolling mill, 1; boy throwing a lighted match upon a bed in foolish play, 1; upsetting of a fluid lamp by an infant child, 1; culpable negligence in leaving matches within the reach of a child, 1; carelessness in throwing away a lighter in a cigar shop, 1; thoughtlessness in taking a light into a metre room where the gas was escaping, 1; explosion of pyrotechnic materials, 1; spontaneous combustion of powdered charcoal in old salt bags, 1; effect of a puff of wind on a gas light in a show window, 1; boys setting fire to shavings in a board yard for sport, 1; contents of a barrel of tar which was spilled into the street, set on fire by juveniles, the barrel having rolled off a dray and bursted, 1; carelessness of a domestic in throwing down near the weather-boarding of a frame kitchen a cloth flat-iron holder that was burning, without examining it to see whether it retained fire, 1; running a portion of the wood work, in building a shop, into a chimney flue in a partition wall, 1; latent spark from casting, 1; ignition of powdered charcoal in a barrel by a spark from a furnace in a moulding shop, 1; candle left burning on a bureau in a chamber, 1; sparks from the smoke-flue of an alcohol factory, 1; bursting of a bottle in which a chemical preparation was being melted over a spirit lamp, 1; arson to de-

stroy the evidences of arson, 1; ignition of the vapor of camphene in filling a warm lamp by the burning wick, which was held several feet off, 1; defective construction, on wood work, of a brick bed for the furnace of an upright steam boiler in the wash room of a hotel, in an apartment of the building several stories from the ground, 1; explosion of gas in a store by the striking of a light by workmen to build a fire, the gas having escaped from a pipe which, through the most reprehensible neglect, had not been plugged up after the removal of a fixture, 1; attempt to blow up a house with gunpowder, 1; rekindling of the snuff of a candlestick which, after being blown out, had been placed on a greasy shelf, where it ignited some light combustibles, 1; burning wadding of a gun discharged at pigeons in a barn yard, 1; paper balloon, which had taken fire in the air, lodging on a shingle-roof, 1; spontaneous combustion of phosphorus exposed to extreme heat of the sun in the window of a drug store, 1—total 438.

The total amount of loss during the seven months, the period embraced in this report, was \$268,013; insurance, \$213,233; clear loss, \$54,780. As compared with the losses by fire in Philadelphia for the corresponding period of 1856, as far as I have been able to learn from the most correct data, there has been a reduction of nearly a quarter of a million.

The number of lives lost by fire were thirteen, of which nine were by accidents from camphine and other burning fluids. Several of the latter cases were of the most distressing and heart-rending nature.

The number of persons injured by fires was 48, and the number of narrow escapes 67.

Only 21 animals of all kinds were burned. A pigeon house, containing about 300 pigeons, caught fire, and more than 100 of these birds perished.

The Fire Detective Police have arrested 54 persons on the charges of arson, attempting arson, conspiring to commit arson, robbery and arson, and suspicion of arson.

The result of these cases is as follows: Charles G

Davis, committed, indicted, and sentenced to an imprisonment of two years in the Eastern Penitentiary; James Dunn, pleaded guilty, and received a similar sentence; John Murphy, sent to West Chester for trial, found guilty, and sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of three years in the Eastern Penitentiary; William Wilson, and James Brannegan, tried and found guilty, but motion made in arrest of judgment; Jno. Molloy, Patrick White, Jno. Coffey, G. J. Thomas (colored), and Henry Tomer, indicted by the grand jury, but, on being arraigned and tried by petit juries, were acquitted.

Tomer forfeited his bail, and leaving the city, went to Columbia, Pa. He was arrested and brought back, but at the trial, it was found that improper influences had been used to induce the witnesses not to testify against him. Money was said to have been corruptly employed in the cases to prevent the testimony from coming into court.

John Mooney, Benjamin Brown, and Johnson Dougherty, committed for trial by magistrates, but subsequently discharged by the Court of Quarter Sessions, upon hearings on writs of *habeas corpus*.

Randolph Green (colored), John McClare, Daniel McMullen, Edward Hilsey, and Frederick Shawner, true bills by the grand jury, and awaiting trial. Green and McMullen on bail; the other three in prison. McMullen, since his release on bonds, sent to prison for a murderous outrage.

John McGowan, bill ignored by the grand jury.

John Stone and Robert Moore, discharged by the committing magistrate, in consequence of the prosecutor refusing to testify, he having been improperly influenced by the friends of the accused. Sometime afterwards, owing to a disclosure made by a woman named Ann Fox, Moore was re-arrested, and bound over to answer in \$1,500. After being implicated in two or three other criminal transactions, Moore forfeited his bonds and fled to the west.

Lucy Brown and Timothy Lynch, committed for trial, and afterwards admitted to bail, the former in

\$1,000, and the latter in \$2,000, to await the action of the grand jury. Mr. J. B. Craig, Franklin House, Chestnut street, became the surety of Mrs. Brown, and the sureties of Lynch, are Andrew Boyce, tavern keeper, corner of Mervine and Master streets, Thomas Hannan, liquor dealer, corner of Ninth and Master streets, and Thomas Doyle, carter, Hutchinson street below Girard avenue. Lynch has disappeared from the city, and taken his departure for the far west, leaving his bondsmen in trouble. Mrs. Brown who claims Lynch as her second or third husband, (he is said to have another wife) it is reported, has gone to Europe. It is claimed for her, I understand, that, being the wife of Lynch, she is not answerable, under the law, for the offence charged against her. Soon after her arrest, she told all about the arson, accused Lynch of instigating the crime, and described how he perpetrated it. The offence of these two people was a most heinous one. It involved a flagrant attempt to defraud one of the most respectable Insurance Companies in the city.

William Evans, a victim of decided insanity, charged with attempting arson and murder, and acquitted, died in prison. This is the old man who tried to fire a jug of gunpowder with a lighted cigar, in the office of A. E. Outerbridge, in the Merchants Exchange.

Andrew Kelly, Dennis McCreedy, Richard L. Sandford, Charles Hibbs, Henry Allman and Frederic McCallister. This is the party of young men arrested in the Union Hose House, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. McCallister was discharged from custody, and used as a witness for the commonwealth. The other five are in prison. They have been indited by the grand jury.

Charles Cotter, after two or three examinations, held to bail for trial in \$1,500. Case not yet disposed of. There was one or two other charges of a different character, against Cotter, at the time of his arrest.

Joseph H. Ziegenfuss, committed by Alderman Enue, on three charges of arson and attempted arson. This young man has been long known to the police as

one of the most reckless and inveterate incendiaries in Philadelphia.

John McKeown, *alias* "Spriggins," against whom there were strong suspicions and proofs of having participated in a number of acts of arson, met his death while the officers were in pursuit of him for an outrage on an unoffending citizen, by falling from the roof of a building; an instance of terrible retributive justice, and a sad warning to all incendiaries, rowdies, and other lawless characters.

Francis Crocks and John Miller, charged with burglary and arson, held for a further hearing.

William Ross and Thomas Reed, suspicion of store robbery and arson, discharged by the committing magistrate, for want of evidence.

Dominick Dougherty and James Dougherty, father and son, arrested in the Twenty-second Ward, on suspicion of arson, discharged by Alderman Gibson, there being no proof against them.

Lewis Colman, a manufacturer of clothing for watermen, committed by Alderman Devlin in default of \$1,000, on the charge of firing his own place.

William Henderson, committed by the same magistrate, on the charge of setting fire to a bed in his own house, while on a violent drunken spree.

Hugh Quinn, committed by Alderman Enue, for setting fire to his own house. This unfortunate man was partially insane from drink at the time. He had met with severe domestic afflictions, which preyed upon his mind.

Patrick McKenna, boy, charged with setting fire to goods in a bulk window with a lucifer match. Held to bail by Alderman Martin. Another boy implicated in the same offence was discharged.

Richard Harding and George Harding, (brothers,) two small colored boys, charged with setting fire to a stable. Committed by Alderman Enue, with the view of having them sent to the House of Refuge. On account of their extreme youth, bail was afterwards entered for them before the court, with the understanding that their friends should be responsible for their

future good behavior. They were, I believe, sent to the country. Two other little boys, one white and one colored, were arrested on suspicion of the same offence, but were discharged, for the want of testimony against them.

Joseph Boomer was sent to prison for an attempt to blow up a house, where he lived, with gunpowder. He was half crazy with bad liquor when he did it.

Two other men were committed, one for setting his own house on fire with shavings, and the other for attempting to fire a house where he boarded, with a lot of newspapers. Both of them were wild and violent from the effects of poisonous rum when they did it.

A man was taken into custody for attempting to fire a barn. Being evidently insane, he was released, and became an object of benevolent care.

An insane woman, charged with an incendiary act, was delivered over to the care of her friends by the police.

John Waller, arrested on suspicion of arson, was held to bail for his good behavior.

Besides the arrests above mentioned, five young men, four females, and one boy, brought up by the officers under suspicious circumstances, after a proper examination, were either bound over to keep the peace, or discharged with a reprimand.

Warrants are now in the hands of the officers for the apprehension of six parties, charged with arson, all of whom have either fled from the City, or kept themselves concealed. One of them is believed to have gone to Germany, and another to England. The latter is accused not only of arson, but of robbery, and also of the horrid crime of poisoning.

A number of other parties suspected of incendiary acts, are under the constant surveillance of the Fire Detective Police.

On examining the reports of the able Fire Marshal, Mr. Baker, of whom I have had much pleasure to speak in another part of this report, I find, that, in the number of arrests, committals, indictments and convictions, the operations of the Fire Detective Po-

lice, so wisely created by your honor for Philadelphia, for the brief time that has elapsed since its organization, bear a most favorable comparison with those of the Fire Detective Police of New York.

The number of arrests given above, is the best evidence I can present to your honor of the vigilance, activity, and shrewdness of the police, of whose personal attention and respect to me individually, as well as cheerful execution of all orders issued by you, at my instance, I cannot refrain from speaking in the highest terms.

The creation of the Fire Detective Police has already caused a diminution in the number of cases of arson in Philadelphia, of at least twenty-five per cent. The trade of the incendiary has received a marked check, and cases of this crime are now comparatively rare, except in the suburban, semi-rural and rural portions of the City, where, owing to the very small number of officers, which the law creating the present police establishment, provides for duty, the incendiary can operate with less fear of detection. Even here, however, these villains need not imagine that they enjoy perfect immunity, for the investigations of the Fire Detectives will, hereafter, be regularly extended to the country.

A subject of the greatest gratulation to me, is the fact of the small number of fires that have happened in the business portions of the City, and especially conflagrations so common in other cities, where circumstances have left no doubt of their having been the work of design, for the purpose of defrauding underwriters. Only two cases of this character have come to my knowledge. One of these has created a considerable sensation among merchants and others. This speaks volumes in favor of the sterling integrity of our own mercantile community.

My investigations have satisfied me that a large number of fires which have been attributed to design, and some of which have, on mere idle report, or other insufficient grounds, been held as daring arsons, were not incendiary acts at all, but clearly traceable to other

causes. This, my examination, in many instances, have satisfactorily demonstrated. Most of the destructive fires that have occurred since my appointment, were of just this character, of which the Bank street fire and Franklin Place conflagrations are instances. Also, the large fire at the corner of Eighth and Market streets. The fire at the Ringgold School House was almost universally believed to have been an incendiary conflagration—as heathenish as such an act must have been, if it were so—but, after the most patient and searching examination I ever made, I was unable to discover anything upon which to reasonably base such a theory. The evidence satisfied me beyond all doubt, that this fire was accidental.

When it is known how very numerous are the accidental or natural causes which, under so many circumstances, may produce fires, to pronounce conflagrations, the origin of which is not, at first view, palpable, the work of design would be most ridiculous. To say nothing of other causes, my experience teaches me that the fires which owe their origin to spontaneous combustion, are much more frequent than the public are aware of, or will readily or willingly believe. I am convinced that many fires, whose mysterious occurrence in places where neither lamps nor stoves were used, caused them to be included in the list, owing their origin to the wantonness or malevolence of the incendiary, have been really produced by natural causes of ignition. Of the fires which occur in the haylofts of stables and mows of barns, and which are generally pronounced, or are supposed to be wilful, I believe that a large proportion are occasioned by spontaneous combustion. Hay, packed closely when damp, will heat and take fire. Baled hay, when affected by dampness, is peculiarly liable to generate gas of a combustible nature, which only needs the introduction of carbon to produce fire. When exposed to the air and separated, it will frequently burst into flame. Fire has been known, sometimes, to break out in the solid bale itself, of both straw and hay. Straw and hay in bales, have also been

known to take fire spontaneously in warehouses, where they were stored, and likewise in the holds of vessels. Some of our coasting mariners consider bales of hay a rather dangerous cargo with which to go to sea.

Incendiarism is the most convenient theory. It saves the trouble of inquiry, and relieves parties interested from all responsibility in regard to negligence or carelessness.

Many of the cases of fire which have come under my notice, were of an interesting character, but the nature of this report prevents my giving the details. The incidents of some of them would form a graphic chapter.

Some of the fires did not occasion an alarm beyond the premises in which they originated, and others made an alarm only in the immediate locality of their occurrence. Large numbers of them were extinguished by the police and others, without the firemen going into service. Indeed, the services of the police force, in discovering and extinguishing fires, have been most valuable. Conflagrations have been frequently prevented by the vigilance and promptness of the officers, and thousands of dollars worth of property saved to the public by their exertions.

In relation to the firemen, whatever may be the faults and defects of the department in its present organization, I am free to say, and feel a sincere pride in saying, that a Philadelphia fireman, in promptness, activity and daring, has no living equal in the world. His self-sacrificing spirit and heroism atone for a thousand faults. My intercourse with the members of this department has been of the most pleasant character. They have manifested every disposition to assist me in my investigations.

Of all the crimes in the calendar, none is so difficult of detection as arson. The murderer, the burglar, the highway robber, the thief, the counterfeiter, all leave some trace for the sagacity of the detective; but the incendiary seldom leaves a clue. Hence no ordinary exertions are required to prosecute the investiga-

tions of the Fire Detective Police with any promise of success.

I deem it proper to reiterate the caution I have given to house-keepers and others, in my former reports, in regard to the prevention of accidental fires; and I would again urge upon the owners of properties the importance of guarding their premises by every requisite security against the intrusion of incendiaries. The instances of carelessness that have come under my own observation are numerous, and some of them are utterly amazing. I need hardly add, that it is a subject of daily complaint in the police returns. In vain will be all the watchfulness of the officers if the owners of properties themselves neglect their safety.

In conclusion, permit me to thank your Honor for the deep interest you have shown in the success of the Fire Detective Police, for the warm encouragement which I have received from you in my efforts to perfect the system, and for the many excellent suggestions that you have given me. For the future I can only promise renewed endeavors to render the organization yet more worthy of public support and confidence, and redoubled exertions to stay the torch of the incendiary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Your obedient servant,

A. W. BLACKBURN,

High Constable,

Acting Chief of the Fire Detective Police.

POLICE TELEGRAPH.—The existence of this branch of the Police Department is a necessity. Without it the Department would be deprived of one of its necessary auxiliaries. It is the mechanical eye of the system. Its operations and results could not be appreciated until its uses were demanded in vain. When in May, 1856, I undertook the discharge of the duties of the Mayoralty, the police telegraph was in existence. No system had been adopted which was to regulate its operations. Every part of the machinery was in order and ready for use, but time was not afforded to do

more than establish it. Within the past year this department has been fully organized. At the Central Station, night and day, are qualified operators to communicate at a moment's notice any information or orders to the sixteen police stations, that comprise the jurisdiction. At each station is an instrument, and an operator for night and day duty, so that at no period in the year has a moment's unnecessary delay occurred in the prompt discharge of the requirements of this service. The operators are educated and trained at the Central Office, before being detailed to the care of the station-house duty. The only interruptions which can exist in the workings of the telegraph, are such as arise from accident or natural causes. I commend this department to the liberal consideration of Councils. The report of Mr. Phillips, the Chief of the Police and Fire-alarm Telegraph, is made part of this communication, because I regard it of great importance that the public, as well as the Councils, should fully comprehend its great practical utility.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
AND FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Philadelphia, January 1, 1858.

Hon. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.

SIR:—By the ordinance 17th March, 1856, the "Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph" was organized, and a Superintendent appointed to have charge of the same, "under the direction of the Mayor and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department," and in accordance with the regulations of the department, I herewith present the second annual report of this arm of the public service to you as Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.

The Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph was completed in 1856, the first official message was transmitted over the wires the 19th April, 1856, and it has continued without interruption, in successful operation to the present date.

In the successful application of this important im-

provement, the attention of intelligent and practical operators was indispensable.

For the very great success which has attended its operations, I am indebted to you, sir, for the valuable and efficient assistants who have been detailed from the police force.

These officers, for their gentlemanly conduct, and strict attention to their duties, are entitled to, and receive my commendations.

The force at present employed in the "Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph" service, exclusive of superintendent and assistants at the Central Office, is thirty men, stationed as follows: At the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 16th districts, two men each—one for day and for night duty. At the 14th and 15th districts, one man each.

In the Central Office there are five operators, three for day, and two for night duty. There being three distinct police, and six fire telegraphic circuits, a less number could not perform the service required.

The force thus employed, except the superintendent and assistants, are detailed from the Police Department, and while employed as operators are at the same time performing other police duty, in their respective station houses.

The amount expended during the past year for the maintenance of the "Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph" was the small sum of \$645 92, \$231 95 of which was for repairs, instruments, and wires, and \$413 97 for battery.

I append a statement, showing in concise form, the amount of business done by this department. A careful examination of the figures will show its efficiency as connected with the Police and Fire Department, and its usefulness to our citizens, who are daily using it for legitimate purposes, contemplated in its construction.

The whole number of messages transmitted over the wires during the year was (34,207) thirty-four thousand two hundred and seven.

The number of lost children restored to their parents was (3,430) three thousand four hundred and thirty.

The number of strayed and stolen animals restored to owners by means of this department was (884) eight hundred and eighty-four.

The number of fire alarms transmitted was (392) three hundred and ninety-two.

The Coroner was notified by telegraph (387) three hundred and eighty-seven times.

Police officers subpoenaed by telegraph to appear before Grand Jury and the Courts (1361) thirteen hundred and sixty-one.

The importance and necessities of this department, requires more conveniences than can be supplied in the present location of the central office. It is entirely too small, and inconvenient to citizens who are in need of, and desire to avail themselves of the purpose for which it was constructed; besides, in its present location it interferes with other purposes of the police department.

I respectfully suggest that provision be made to remedy this defect.

The closing of the station houses in the 2d, 4th, 7th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 18th Wards, which has very materially effected the original arrangement of the fire alarm stations, as well as the rapidly increasing extent of the City, requires, in my judgment, an increase of the number of fire alarm signal stations, and I suggest that provision be made to supply the same.

In conclusion permit me to express my acknowledgments to you, sir, for the interest you have manifested in the success of this department of the public service, and also for the courtesy I have received from the various members of the Police Department, with whom official business has brought me in contact.

Very respectfully,

W. J. PHILLIPS,

Supt.

Statement of Messages transmitted by the Police Telegraph.

FROM THE CENTRAL STATION, MAYOR'S OFFICE, TO DISTRICTS.

YEAR-MONTH.	First District.	Second District.	Third District.	Fourth District.	Fifth District.	Sixth District.	Seventh District.	Eighth District.	Ninth District.	Tenth District.	Eleventh District.	Twelfth District.	Thirteenth District.	Fourteenth District.	Fifteenth District.	Sixteenth District.	TOTAL.
1867-January	72	50	46	63	47	53	68	91	94	89	62	43	32	33	41	51	
" -Feb'y.	70	58	54	57	61	61	82	51	82	77	67	28	23	19	47	41	
" -March,	69	62	49	45	68	56	67	83	74	81	77	39	26	25	43	45	
" -April,	80	87	69	52	68	53	80	45	60	71	54	21	23	28	30	63	
" -May,	63	52	74	57	52	48	72	62	58	82	59	49	35	39	45	52	
" -June,	78	79	82	59	68	59	53	66	71	77	67	42	52	39	37	59	
" -July,	78	77		57	62	49	53	78	89	71	75	57	49	59	51	54	
" -August,	61	64		59	73	71	82	106	125	113	80	77	9	14	42	33	
" -Sept'r,	54	66		87	58	41	99	34	41	119	95	17	15	15	43	38	
" -October,	75	74		69	79	68	83	41	45	104	87	23	17	16	40	32	
" -Nov'r,	56	52		37	37	39	37	54	52	38	46	30	16	21	25	29	
" -Dec'r,	85	94		57	74	65	76	108	82	89	75	57	57	51	53	63	
	841	816	373	699	757	662	852	819	873	1011	844	484	354	359	497	570	11,810

FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1857.

MONTH.	FIRES.	Fires for which the State House bell was rung.	Fires for which the State House bell did not ring.	False Alarms.	Fires for which the State House bell rung a gene- ral alarm.
January,	47	32	15	1	6
February,	30	8	22		
March,	42	21	21	2	
April,	52	28	24	1	1
May,	29	22	7		
June,	28	15	13		2
July,	28	9	19		1
August.	25	12	13		
September,	14	7	7		1
October,	40	28	12	1	
November,	27	21	6		1
December,	30	20	10		1
Total,	392	223	169	5	13

STRAYED AND STOLEN ANIMALS.

Horses.	Horses and Wagons.	Horses and Sleighs.	Cows.	Mules.	Steers.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
278	324	27	152	134	39	26	4	884

LOST CHILDREN.

Lost Children, 3,430

CORONER NOTIFIED.

Coroner Notified, 387

POLICE OFFICERS SUPPŒNAED.

Police Officers Suppœnaed, 1,361

THE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT, which has charge of violations of ordinances and the correction of nuisances, is faithfully at work. The great difficulty in the way of its efficiency arises from the utterly obsolete plan of granting permits for buildings, hacks, wagons, and others of this class. Until the suggestions heretofore made in several communications on this subject to Councils are adopted, this municipal branch will fail to give satisfaction to the public.

Before consolidation ordinances were passed by the several districts regulating various evils existing in all of them. They were, however, dissimilar in their provisions and penalties. In the old City a code existed which had operation only within its corporate limits. Many of these ordinances are obsolete. Those which are in force operate unequally in those portions of the Consolidated City, which we comprised in the old incorporated jurisdiction. I respectfully suggest if some action should not be taken at an early day to effect a uniformity in this respect, in all parts of the Consolidated City.

There are grave reasons for requiring a revision of the existing ordinances, and the attention of Councils is respectfully called to this subject.

MAGISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.—The necessity for care, fidelity and intelligence in this part of the Police Department is too apparent to need further remark. As it is now arranged, I am enabled to see the laws faithfully executed, and the Alderman who acts in the Central Station, Joseph Enue, Esq., has my entire approbation in the discharge of his duties. The process of the law must be in competent hands, as much depends on the legal knowledge and familiarity with the practice, in protecting the rights of citizens and at the same time instructing the police in their powers and duties. Each case has its peculiarities, and requires more or less care in its management. The duties are confined exclusively to cases which require a continuous control, from the complaint to the conviction. It would utterly destroy all hope of success to leave this class to the attention of various officers in different

parts of the City. The Central office has its individual duties, and hence the necessity of an uninterrupted administration of its various and important details.

STATION HOUSES.—Singular as it may appear, I believe that, from the first establishment in this City of a municipal police proper, up to this year, no building was ever erected especially for a police station. From time to time as the wants of the service demanded such accommodation, temporary expedients were resorted to for their supply. Private dwelling-houses were most frequently selected, and if any new construction was undertaken, it was but an ill-advised expenditure of moneys to make some unsuitable present building suffice. The consequence has been that constant costs for repairs were necessary. Enough money has been thus spent to almost twice pay for what even now does not exist, suitable Police Station-houses. Convinced that longer to tolerate this system of false economy was a dereliction of duty, proper steps were taken to terminate its existence. In a few weeks there will be first-class Station-houses in the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th police districts; second-class in the 7th, 13th, 15th and 16th districts. There is no Station-house in the 9th district, and the accommodations at the Central Station are the most miserable that can be imagined. In all these districts except No. 9 the public property is occupied. The sum lately appropriated for alterations of some of these Stations and the erection of one in the 11th police district, has not all been expended. On the 31st of December, 1857, of this sum \$1,125 merged and unexpended. I earnestly ask that Councils will re-appropriate this balance, together with a further sum of money to finish the most needed alterations.

As Councils have, by ordinance, authorized this work to be done, I shall continue it to completion, in the well founded confidence that it will meet their approbation. I ask for the authority to erect a Station-house in the Ninth District. It is imperatively needed. The annual rent and cost for repairs of the dwelling house used in that district as a station, would, in

ten years, pay for a building designed for the purpose. The increase of the value of the property during that period would almost be equal to the interest on its cost.

The amount appropriated for the Police Department,

For the year 1855, was	-	-	\$559,836	57
“ “ 1856, “	-	-	415,871	44
“ “ 1857, “	-	-	393,378	00
“ “ 1858, is	-	-	390,502	00

This shows that, for the year 1857, the current expenses have been reduced \$22,493 44, and that the estimated expenses for 1858 are less, by nearly \$3000, than those of 1857. The following table indicates the sum unexpended in 1857, and which, consequently, remains in the City treasury :

Amount Appropriated.	Amount Expended.	Balance.
\$393,378 00	\$390,690 30	\$2,687 62

The following report from the Chief of Police contains a statement of the workings of his department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, }
Police Department, January 1, 1858. }

HON. RICHARD VAUX,
 Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.

SIR:—Having been appointed by you to the office of Chief of Police, in May last, it becomes my province to give in detail a statement of my proceedings up to the present time.

When I entered upon the discharge of the important duties with which I had been entrusted, my first desire was to adopt such a course of measures as would best secure the objects for which the office was created, viz.: the protection of life and property, and the preservation of the public peace.

Believing caution and prevention the most desirable, as governing principles, it has been my steady aim to watch with anxiety over the whole City area, and to preserve the peace and uphold the laws.

In consequence of the facilities afforded by the

elegraph, there has not been any difficulty in accomplishing this plan.

During the year I have caused to be noted, in a docket kept for the occasion, such matters as came under my immediate observation.

I have, since my appointment, daily visited some one of the numerous station-houses, reviewed the force, examined the records, and took especial pains to ascertain what accommodations it afforded the officers and men therein detailed; believing it essential that they should be provided with comfortable quarters, while waiting for orders or preparing for duty.

The office of policeman, if he does his duty, is no sinecure, his whole time belongs to the public, and according to established rules he is required to be ever ready. The most important part of the service, however, requires that he should spend the largest portion of his time in the streets, regardless of every thing, heat or cold not excepted. A failure to be at his post when duty requires, is a violation of the rules governing the Force.

The wants of the men heretofore, when off duty, in many of the divisions, has been much neglected, but I am pleased to know, of late, Councils, governed by a commendable public spirit, have been awakened to the necessity of paying proper attention to this important branch of the public service, and have, in their wisdom, deemed it necessary to repair, remodel, and in some instances rebuild a number of the houses, so that in a short time, if the same disposition continues to progress, we may expect to have comfortable quarters, which are absolutely necessary.

I am pleased to believe, from an intimate personal acquaintance with most of the members of the force, that it is composed of well-meaning, intelligent and honorable men, whose only ambition seems to be to faithfully execute and promptly discharge the duties with which they have been entrusted. A moment's warning, heretofore, has at all times been sufficient to convene together a number large enough for any emergency.

By this I do not mean to say, as a whole, the force is as perfect as I should like it. In view of this fact, and in order that wholesome checks should be thrown around it, at your instance, I deemed it advisable to establish a Police Court. The court is composed of disinterested judges, who, when complaint is made against an officer, patiently listen to all that can be produced, both for and against him, and from the preponderance of the testimony arrive at a conclusion. During the past six months upwards of one hundred cases have been heard and disposed of. Many of them are of a trivial character.

The numbers of the force at present, I believe to be too small for the public requirements. The turnkeys and telegraph operators, who perform responsible and important duties on service, are comprised of the regular police force. Hence, it is not unfrequently necessary that, detailed for regular duty, they should be sent to guard and protect some localities far away from their regular business.

In conclusion, I most respectfully submit the following report of arrests made during the year 1857, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, inclusive, with the various offences with which they were charged, compiled from the reports of the several lieutenants.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL G. RUGGLES,
Chief of Police.

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The number of Arrests made, and the various offences charged during the year 1857.

OFFENCES.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Ap'l	May	Jun.	July	Aug	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL.
Arson,	7	3			2	3	2	1		3	8	2	31
Assault and battery,	106	82	117	124	124	158	169	145	102	111	104	138	1480
“ with intent to kill,	7	0	3	3	7	3	7	4	5	10	7	6	62
Assaulting policemen,	21	6	7	4	18	21	8	14	27	18	28	31	203
Abandonment,		4	2		2	1	2	3	2	1	1		18
Aiding & assist'g to esc'pe	3	1	5				1	2		2	1	1	15
Adultery,					3		4	3				1	11
Absconding,	1	1	1		3	1	2	1	1			3	14
Burglary,	1	2	3	2	1	1						3	20
“ attempt to commit	2									1			3
Bastardy.	2	2	1	2		2	3			1		2	15
Breach of the peace,	295	346	378	340	448	447	429	244	271	240	327	213	3978
“ of ordinance,	15	18	2	17	14	9	16	8	10	6	2	7	117
Bigamy,				1		2							3
Conspiracy.	3	7	2	1				1					14
Corner lounging,	39	35	86	70	52	59	34	24	33	18	39	33	542
Carrying concealed wea-													
pons,	13	6	2	3	5	3	7			1	1	11	55
Disorderly houses,	10	5	2	1	12	5	6	3	2	6	14	3	69
Deserters,	5	7			2	4	1	1		1	1		22
Embezzlement,													
Forgery,	4								2				6
False pretences,	1	2	1		1	4	6	2	1	2		1	21
Felony,										4			4
Fraud,		1	1	1				1			7		11
Gambling,	1	2		2									5
Insanity,		3			1		1	1		2	2	3	13
Intoxication,	388	531	604	581	420	368	329	113	253	222	202	220	4231
“ disorderly con-													
duct,	383	478	441	505	497	762	788	416	650	586	512	538	6554
Indecent exposure,	7	2	4	4	4	2	6	2	1	1	2	5	43
Insulting females in the													
street.	11	9	6	9	1	5	11	12	1	1	2	3	71
Interfering with officers,	13	22	26	22	1	39	18	17	14	32	3	18	225
Larceny,	78	61	66	77	84	56	58	62	84	66	51	79	814
“ suspicion of,	7	1	3		10	5	12	7	26	26	12	9	128
Miscellaneous misde.,	44	31	53	53	51	89	39	55	42	23	49	20	549
Murder,	3		1			2	1					1	8
Pickpockets,	2	1	13		1	1	2	1		5		6	32
Passing counterfeit mo-													
ney,	12	12	2	6	1	12	17	4	7	3	3	9	88
Perjury,			1						2			2	5
Rape,		1	1	1				2	2				8
“ attempt to commit,													
Receiving stolen goods,	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1		1	1	16
Robbery,		3	4		2	4	3	5				6	27
Riot,	21	1	2			7	11	7	14	15	10	9	97
“ inciting to,	5				15	6	6	6	10	6	1	1	50
Selling liquor without li-													
cence,	0	1	4	1				4	5		3	1	19
Selling lottery policies.	1											1	2
Sent to house of refuge,	3	2				4		1	1	1	5	5	23
Stabbing,		1	1		1	4	2		3	1	1	2	16
Trespass,					1	2	3		4	5	4		19
Threatening,	9	9	29	20	25	12	16	11	14	12	7	13	168
Vagrancy,	87	101	156	99	143	131	117	73	127	73	95	96	1298
Wife beating,	29	24	21	19	17	28	32	23	16	24	18	18	269
	1646	1830	2058	1964	1971	2293	2190	1281	1726	1512	1543	1523	21537

Table of Nativity for 1857.

COUNTRIES.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Ap'l	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
United States,	651	731	763	675	612	885	932	865	912	923	944	862	9755
Ireland,	651	731	763	675	662	845	832	765	712	823	844	842	9135
Germany,	137	143	184	103	125	125	142	184	115	167	136	174	1735
England,	79	62	63	43	35	57	81	105	63	52	51	63	792
French,	7	4	6	2	2	2	2	4	4	3	3	2	41
Scotch,	2	1	3	1	4	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	23
Italians,	2	1	2	2	3	3	3	4	6	6	2	1	36
Swiss,	1	1	1	1		1		1		1	2	1	9
Wales,	1		1						1	1		1	5
Russia,						1				1			2
Spain,						1							1
South America,						1							1
Mexico,								1					1
Canada,													1
	1531	1674	1786	1502	1443	1923	1993	1930	1814	1918	1984	1977	21537

This communication, gentlemen, contains the "general statement" the law, as I understand it, requires me to make to you.

The year just closed has been an eventful one. While some sister cities have suffered from evils which a well organized municipal government might have prevented, Philadelphia has been spared the consequences which have there resulted. Without pride, but in true humility, let us learn experience from these municipal lessons. From one we are taught that popular approval does not follow as a necessity partizan plans for city government. From the other, that citizens disfranchised of their rights by violence, or peaceable persecutions equally effective, that any attempts to interfere with the lawful exercise of the legal electoral franchise, are violations of the spirit, letter, and principles of free institutions. And from the experience thus gained, let us be convinced, that every true citizen and every lover of his country, will find political safety and individual security, where the laws are impartially enforced and implicitly obeyed.

Anxious to avoid the semblance of ostentation, yet it is proper in concluding this communication, that I should invoke for Philadelphia, its people, and its prosperity, the continued blessings of the God of our Fathers.

RICHARD VAUX.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
PHILADELPHIA, EXECUTIVE DEPART-
MENT, January 8, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 80.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance submit herewith an Ordinance, to provide for the payment of sundry small claims and judgments against the City, and recommend its passage.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
R. McCAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
ALFRED DAY,
JOHN F. MASCHER.

Jan. 14, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City, incurred during and prior to the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand nine hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty-nine cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following claims against the City, to wit:

1. To pay two judgments obtained against the City, by E. H. Bird and J. B. Bruddoch, eleven hundred and ten dollars and forty-four cents.

2. To pay Jacob Kritzu, balance due him as one of the officers of the Court of Common Pleas, nine $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars.

3. To pay J. B. Hoffman's bill, for Plumbing in 1856, eighteen $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars.

4. To pay W. M. Cristy, for Stationery, fourteen $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars.

5. To pay Richard V. Brennen, for Rebinding Assessment Books, fifty-four dollars.

6. To pay Swaine & Abell, for Advertising, in 1855 and 1856, twenty dollars and forty-one cents.

7. To pay Charles R. Palmer, for Upholstery, seven dollars.

8. To pay John C. Howell, for sundry repairs to Locks, &c., twenty-one dollars and twelve cents.

9. To pay Peter Wagner, Wolbert & Brother, for Ice, for Courts and Offices, eighty-two dollars and ninety cents.

10. To pay Ann Grant, and Sarah Moore, for cleaning City Council Office, forty-two dollars and fifty cents.

11. To pay Geo. C. Thompson, for making Street lists, eleven $\frac{65}{100}$ dollars.

12. To pay John H. Brady, for making Street lists, seventeen dollars and two cents.

13. To pay James Murray, for making Transcripts, for year 1856, forty-four dollars and eighty-five cents.

14. To pay Constables' fees, for returning unlicensed taverns, for 1857, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

15. To pay Road Jurors, for year 1857, fifty dollars.

16. To pay Election Officers, for year 1857, one hundred dollars.

17. To pay warrants of E. Buckley, Election Officer, 1855, five dollars.

18. To pay warrants of J. Pastorius, and Jas. Osborne, Jurors of District Court, in 1855, twenty-seven dollars.

19. To pay W. M. Billmyer, for Recording Jurors, forty dollars.

20. To pay B. Mifflin, for Stationery, for District Court, thirty-two dollars.

21. To pay Gerbutt & Clarkson, for Printing and Binding Warrant Book, fifteen dollars.

22. To pay J. B. Smith & Co., for Books of Record, for Court of Quarter Sessions, Common Pleas, District Court, Orphans' Court, and for Election Offices, one hundred and thirty-four dollars.

23. To pay J. B. Smith & Co., for Books, for Recorder of Deeds, six hundred and one dollars and seventy-five cents.

24. To pay Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital, for Board of Patients, three hundred and fifty-one dollars and seventy-five cents.

SECTION 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn as follows:—Item 1, by the City Solicitor; Item 21, by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department; and for the remaining Items, by the City Commissioner, in conformity with existing Ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 81.

COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petitions of the Hibernia and the Hand in Hand Hose Companies, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department; and of the Germantown and Nicetown Hose Companies and of the Fellowship Engine Company, asking for a donation of 500 feet of hose, each; of the Shiffler Hose Company, asking to have certain hose repaired; of certain citizens of the north-western portion of the Fifteenth Ward, asking to be permitted to organize a new Hose Company; and of the Mechanics Engine Company, asking that a fire-alarm bell be placed upon their house, respectfully report adverse thereto, and ask the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
W. A. BOYLE,
WM. NEAL,
JOSEPH WATERMAN.

Jan. 14, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

APPENDIX No. 82.

COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred a memorial of a Committee, consisting of Messrs. C. Tiers Meyers, John E. Neall, John K. Kane, Samuel V. Merrick, William D. Sherrard, T. S. Cromarger and Richard Vaux, asking for the loan of the hose belonging to the “Young America;” also a communication of Messrs. J. and S. Parham, asking permission for erecting two of their manifold fireplugs, free of expense to the City, until Councils are first satisfied of its utility, —respectfully report the accompanying resolutions and ask their adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
W. A. BOYLE,
SETH AUSTIN,
WM. NEAL,
JOSEPH WATERMAN.

Jan. 14, 1858.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be, and he is hereby directed to loan to the Philadelphia Hose Company, for the use of the Steam Fire Engine “Philadelphia,” all the hose now in the possession of the City, formerly used by the Steam Fire Engine “Young America.”

Resolved, That Messrs. J. and S. Parham have permission to remove the fire plugs, located one in front of the United States Custom House, Chesnut above Fourth street, and the other on the north of Market street, in Seventh, and to substitute therefor their new-

ly improved manifold fire plugs; *Provided*, that the City shall incur no expense until the Councils, or a Committee thereof, after a careful observation of their practical operation, shall be satisfied of their superiority over those now in common use, *and provided also*, that should said fire plugs fail to give satisfaction to Councils of their practical utility, that then, and in that case, it shall be the duty of the aforesaid J. and S. Parham, at their own expense, to remove *their* plugs and replace those now in use; to be done under the supervision of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department.

APPENDIX No. 83.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the communication of the Philadelphia Hose Company, asking Councils to have a Fire Alarm Telegraph Box placed in their house, respectfully report that this request is deserving of the favorable consideration of Councils, inasmuch as this company has been at much expense in purchasing a Steam Fire Engine of superior workmanship, and of much utility, and an Alarm Box in their house, would, in the opinion of your Committee, be of immense service to the public, by enabling said Engine to be early on the fire ground.

Your Committee cannot forego this opportunity to express their regret that the Telegraph Alarm Boxes were not originally placed in front of all the Hose and Engine houses, in such a manner as to enable the firemen to receive the alarm, but not to be under their control; the alarm to be given, as is now the case,

from the outside of the house, by competent persons possessing the keys, and especially detailed for that purpose.

Your Committee offer the accompanying ordinance, and ask its immediate adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
M. A. BOYLE,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
SETH AUSTIN,
W. NEAL,
JOSEPH WATERMAN.

Jan. 14, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the erection of a certain Telegraph Signal Alarm Box.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph for the payment of the expense to be occurred in the erection of a Telegraph Fire Alarm Box in the House of the Philadelphia Hose Company, and that said Superintendent be authorized to use such relay magnets, and other suitable apparatus belonging to the City, not now employed in his department, for that purpose.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Mayor.

APPENDIX No. 84.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC LANDINGS AND WHARVES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, to whom was referred

May 21, 1857, Bill to provide for leasing out Shackamaxon street landing, respectfully report that after a careful examination of the landing, believe, that the improvement as contemplated, by the addition of 100 feet, would be a very desirable one, and conducive to the public interest, would therefore recommend the granting of the lease in accordance with the Bill annexed, with the following amendment to strike out two hundred dollars, and insert four hundred and twenty-five dollars, and would ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
 JOHN M'MAKIN,
 JOHN COOPER,
 ALFRED DAY,
 THOS. T. BUTCHER,
 JOSEPH TAYLOR,
 G. W. SCHOFIELD.

Jan. 14, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for leasing Shackamaxon Street landing.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that the Commissioner of Markets be, and he hereby is authorized to lease to Vaughan & Fisher, Shackamaxon street Public Landing for ten years, at the rent of four hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum, payable quarterly, with the provision that said Vaughan & Fisher will, at their own expense, build and extend the Wharf at said landing at least one hundred feet further into the river Delaware, under the permission, direction and supervision of the Board of Port Wardens of the City of Philadelphia; and that said Vaughan & Fisher shall at the end of said term, leave the whole wharf now at said landing, and also the Wharf to be built and extended as aforesaid, for the benefit and behoof and as the exclusive property of the said the City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 85.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC LANDINGS
AND WHARVES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, respectfully report, That the bulkhead of Spruce street dock is in a very dilapidated condition, the ties and upright pieces being gone, and unless repaired, will cause a largely increased expense. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution to the Committee on Girard Estates, as it contemplates the widening of Delaware Avenue at this point.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
JOHN COOPER,
ALFRED DAY,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
G. W. SCHOFIELD.

Jan. 14, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Superintendent of Girard Estates be, and he is hereby directed to bulkhead and widen Delaware Avenue at Spruce street wharf, to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Girard Estates.

APPENDIX No. 86.

REPORT OF MANAGERS OF THE SUNBURY AND ERIE RAILROAD.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the resolution of Councils of the 19th of November, 1857, the undersigned, Managers of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, elected by Councils to represent the stock held by the City in the said Company, respectfully report, That this important public improvement was designed by its projectors to form a principal link in a great line of railway extending from this City to the harbor at Erie; and thus not only to secure to our citizens a fair share of the immense commerce of the Lakes, but develop a very large section of the State, rich in natural resources, now remaining almost in a wilderness condition for want of an outlet to market.

The importance of this line of improvement has long commended itself to a large number of the enlightened and public spirited citizens of our City and State, and the Councils of the old City, as well as the authorities of the District of Richmond manifested their appreciation of its value, by liberal subscriptions to the Capital Stock.

From causes, however, which it would be useless for us to attempt to explain, even were it in our power to do so, the managers of the company have always been disappointed in the extent of the response to their appeals (to other parties) for aid in their undertaking, and the work still languishes for want of means to prosecute it. A principal cause of this disappointment has no doubt been the great magnitude of the work. While all who have duly considered the subject have arrived at the conviction, that when finished, this must be one of the very best paying lines of improvements in our whole country, many of them have been deterred from lending their aid, from the apprehension that sufficient means could not be raised

for the purpose, and hence the investment would be either sunk or remain for a long time unproductive. This apprehension has proved but too well founded, and such, in our opinion, must continue to be the state of the company until some enlarged financial measure shall have been effected sufficient to complete and equip a single track road for the whole distance from Sunbury to Erie.

Whenever this shall be accomplished, we have the most entire conviction, that not only will this road bring a rich tribute of trade and profit to our City and State, but secure to the stockholders ample dividends upon their investments.

The whole length of line included in the Charter of the company is about 270 miles, of which 40 miles from Sunbury to Williamsport have been completed and in use for two years past. The arrangements, however, for the coal trade, from Shamoky to Western New York, which must pass over the whole of this link, have been as yet very imperfectly developed, and for the last four months have been almost suspended by the commercial crisis which has overspread the country.

This trade, it is anticipated, will be revived with considerable activity during the present season. The completion of the Northern Central road from Harrisburg to Sunbury, which is expected to take place early in the next spring, will undoubtedly add largely to the business of the finished portion of our road.

Under all the disadvantages with which it has labored, the gross earnings of this link of 40 miles have exceeded \$124,000; the net earnings being about half that amount. We think there can be no risk in predicting an increase for several years to come, of at least 25 per cent. for each year over its predecessor, even if no more of the road should in the meantime be completed. The finishing, however, of the next link of 32 miles to Farrandsville, in the margin of the bituminous coal fields, must greatly increase this percentage. Most of the heavy work on this section has already been done, and a comparatively small addition

to the means of the company would enable them to finish the grading and lay the iron; all of which could easily be accomplished during the present season, were the means provided.

Between Farrandsville and the mouth of the Sinemahoning, a number of miles of the heaviest work have also been graded.

On the Western Division of 82 miles from Erie, to the Western Margin of the coal fields, a large amount of grading has also been accomplished, principally with means raised in Erie and Warren Counties; and the contractors on this division are still at work.

During the last Fall, all the contracts for work on the eastern division of the road, were cancelled with the consent of the contractors; and it is believed, that whenever the Company can resume operations, contracts can be made for all their work at prices greatly below those that have ruled on such undertakings for several years past.

For the purpose of funding all their floating debt and other liabilities, the Company has recently executed a mortgage on the forty miles of finished road, for \$1,000,000,—and issued bonds for that amount, which will be sufficient for the purpose mentioned, and leave a considerable surplus applicable to new work, whenever from other sources a sufficient amount can be realized to complete any important section. The net revenue of these forty miles will be fully sufficient even in the present condition of the work, to pay the interest on this debt. The Board have adopted the policy of curtailing expenditures to the utmost prudent extent, to secure this result.

An extensive review of the surveyed line of the road is also contemplated with a view of cheapening its cost as much as possible, without injury to the line; and it is believed, that in this way, and with the reduction of prices, the estimates for the whole work may be greatly reduced below those formerly made.

In conclusion, we deem it our duty to urge upon Councils the adoption of some wise policy, that may, without materially, if at all increasing the public debt,

aid in bringing to a speedy completion this most desirable public improvement, so important to all the best interests of the City and the State.

Owing to the absence from the City of our colleague, Col. Kane, he cannot join with us in this report.

JAMES D. WHETHAM,
HARRY CONNELLY.

Philada., Jan. 14, 1858.

APPENDIX 87.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC LANDINGS AND WHARVES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, to whom was referred a communication of J. Barrett & Son, lessees of Pine Street Wharf, on the Delaware, asking that said wharf be paved, report favorably of the same, and recommend that it be done, and offer the following resolution.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
BENJ. H. BROWN,
ALFRED DAY,
JOHN COOPER,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS.

Jan. 14, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council, That the Commissioner of Market Houses be, and he is hereby authorized to have Pine Street Wharf, on the river Delaware, paved at a cost not exceeding four hundred and sixty dollars, to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.

APPENDIX 88.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance again present the report submitted by them to Councils on the twenty-sixth day of January last, and re-committed for correction, which they have amended.

The bills submitted by the Committee on Finance having virtually passed, which bills make appropriations to all the Departments except the Board of Health, an appropriation to which Department, although provided for by the Committee (See exhibit B annexed,) has not yet been submitted to the approval of Councils for obvious reasons: Your Committee take this early day to report an ordinance to fix the rate and levy the taxes to meet these appropriations for the current fiscal year.

Councils are urged to early action on the bills submitted, as in the opinion of the Committee, within a very few weeks after its passage, the Treasurer will be enabled to discharge every outstanding warrant. No stronger reason for promptness than this can be advanced. Justice to the creditors of the City demands it at our hands.

For the information and consideration of Councils, two tables are annexed to this report. (A and B.)

A, an account current, showing on the one side, the amounts due by the City on the first of January, 1858, and the liabilities of 1857 and the previous years still unpaid, with the amounts to be appropriated to meet these and other deficiencies; and on the other, the assets now in the Treasury and income of previous years, safely to be calculated on.

B. A statement of the appropriations to meet the expenditures for the year 1858, in one column, and the income anticipated from sources other than taxation, in the other.

As will be seen by exhibit B, the amount of appropriations for the expenditures of the year 1858, are
\$3,643,208 65.

From which there is to be deducted the amount to be derived from revenue, \$1,138,766 61
Leaving the amount to be raised for expenditures, from taxation, 2,504,442 04

To which must be added the excess of deficiencies for 1857 and previous years over the revenue of that year, and what may be safely anticipated as yet to be received. 334,883 43

And the estimated amount to be allowed taxpayers for payments in advance, and other allowances by City Commissioners, 120,000 00

Excess of appropriations for expenditures, including the deficiency on January 1, 1858, with allowances and discounts, over and above revenue, to be provided for taxation, \$2,959,325 47

The assessed value of real and personal estate subject to taxation for City purposes, as furnished by the City Commissioners, is as follows, viz:

Real Estate, \$147,752,152 00

Personal Estate:

Furniture, \$1,941,649 00

Horses and Cows, 511,612 00

Carriages, 205,648 00

\$2,658,909 00

Total valuation, \$150,411,061 00

Which, at the rate of \$2.00, will produce, \$3,008,221 22

From which must be deducted one-third the rate for rural property in the First, Nineteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-

third and Twenty-fourth Wards, the value of which is, \$9,962,315 00		
And the allowance there- for is,	66,408 79	
And also 16 cents in the hundred dollars for the Poor rate in the 5th and 6th Divisions of the 21st Ward, and that portion of the 2nd Di- vision which was for- merly included in Rox- borough township. The entire 22nd Ward and the 23d Ward except the 1st & 3d Divisions,	14,715 20	
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Revenue from tax at the rate of \$2.00 with deduction for rural property and separate support for poor,		2,927,097 23
To which add estimated personal tax,		3,871 25
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Net amount of revenue from tax of \$2.00, clear of all deductions, allow- ances, discounts and deficiencies,		<u>\$2,930,968 48</u>
The amount required under the appro- priations for the year is,		2,959,325 47
And if, from this there is deducted the above sum,		2,930,968 48
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There will still remain to be provided for,		\$28,356 99

Councils will perceive that instead of there being a surplus of estimated income, over estimated expenditures, there will be an apparent deficiency of \$28,356 99. Were there no sources of revenue from which this apparent deficiency could be fairly anticipated, your committee would have provided for it by unhesitatingly recommending even a higher rate of taxation

than they have reported. But they can see no good reason for this course. Large amounts are outstanding due to the Departments of Water, Market-houses, Wharves and Landings and other Departments, for which liens either have been or will be filed, or suits commenced, from which there ought to be received during the year, a much greater amount than this \$28,356 99. But over and above this, with an outstanding balance from taxes of \$1,412,390, for the last and previous years, your Committee have estimated, as to be received, but \$580,000, leaving still out of their calculations, the enormous sum of \$832,390 of 1857 and previous years. From this last source, then alone, a much larger sum than this apparent deficiency may also be anticipated, as Councils have recently added an additional assistant to the corps of the City Solicitor, for the sole purpose of attending to the collection of this heretofore too much neglected source of revenue, and the attention of the Solicitor has also been directed to the subject. The active co-operation of the Department of Surveys with that officer, in this matter, would, your Committee are confident, greatly facilitate the effort he is making to perform this duty. Since this report was first submitted, a communication on this subject from some of our most intelligent citizens and largest taxpayers, have been submitted to Councils, and referred to that Committee.

Your Committee would also press upon Councils a revision of the subject of water and market rents, as it is confidently believed, that a considerable increase of the revenue would result from a proper investigation of these matters.

In accordance with the requirements of law, the following calculation will show the proportion of the rate to be applied to each object for which it is separately voted.

Cents in the \$2.00.	
Police,	26
Schools,	28
Lighting of the City,	11
Poor,	16
Highways,	24
Loan-tax,	75
Other municipal purposes,	20
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	\$2.00

The rate of \$2.00 fixed upon by your Committee is believed to be, for the reasons which have been assigned, quite high enough to secure a sufficient fund from taxation to meet the proper and ordinary expenditures of the Departments. During the administration of these Councils, an ordinance has been passed in relation to official bonds, which renders municipal officers and their sureties liable for any excess of expenditures in their departments beyond the appropriations. Which check, added to the system of itemizing now thoroughly established, and to the legislative provisions on the subject, it is hoped will keep expenditures within the limits of the appropriations made by Councils.

As a proof of the advantage of the system which is every day becoming more exact in the administration of our finances, your Committee refer to the ratio of decrease in the expenditures for several years past, as may be seen by reference to the Controllers' report made to Councils on the 11th Jan., the expenditures for the year 1855, were \$4,417,906, for 1856, \$4,208,606, while for 1857, they have been but \$3,877,015, and even allowing (what there is no reason to presume will be needed) the same amount for deficiencies of 1857, that was appropriated for 1856, viz., \$120,685, the whole amount that the expenditures for 1857 can reach will be \$3,997,700, which shows a gradual decrease of expenditures of upwards of \$200,000 in each year. Should the same care and economy be practised during the year 1858, that has marked its predecessor, we may

hope for a still more favorable contrast, and anticipate little excess over the appropriation of \$3,643,208 65.

Many of our citizens have doubtless expected a larger reduction in the City expenses than Councils have been able to effect. The aggregate of the appropriations is large, and the diminution of the amount compared with former years, shows but a small percentage on the total sum. But when it is recollected how large a portion of the expenditures is not within the control of Councils, how much is absorbed by the payment of interest and for the support of departments over which a merely nominal supervision has thus far been exercised, it will be seen that the power of Councils to limit expenditures, is very much restricted. It is in fact only in those departments the officers of which are directly responsible to Councils, that the desirable and necessary retrenchment of expenses can be fully carried out, and in these departments, it is believed, that very little farther reduction can be made without prejudice to the public interest.

The total amount of appropriations is	\$3,643,208 65
Deduct interest and sinking fund appropriations,	1,312,071 18
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Leaving for ordinary expenses for the year,	2,331.137 47
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Of this amount there is appropriated for the department of the City Commissioners, the support of the schools, the poor, the prison, and for the board of health, (all of which is disbursed by officers not elected by Councils.)	917,179 67
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Showing a balance of	1,413,957 80
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As the total amount of expenditures by departments, under the immediate supervision and control of Councils.

It is a source of no little satisfaction to your committee, that, although during the year of 1857, a year of almost unprecedented financial embarrassment, and

while the City suffered a loss of her anticipated revenue to the extent of \$200,000 from the failure of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company to make a dividend, and of upwards of \$70,000 from a failure of anticipated receipts from other departments, her credit has not only been sustained without addition to her permanent debt, but is now, at the commencement of a new year, higher than it has been within the past three years. Your committee believe that this is mainly owing to the confidence inspired by the gradual decrease of expenditures just referred to, as well as to the prudent but determined resistance to all unnecessary expenditures, which was made by Councils during the past year.

The inducement to reduce the taxes and provide for the deficiencies of previous years by a loan, supported as it is by many plausible arguments, and prepared as the public mind is for a reduction by the erroneous report first submitted, has been very great.

But after the most careful consideration your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that it is our true policy to meet expenditures and deficiencies alike, by direct taxation, without regard to rate. If, because in the last half year the Pennsylvania Railroad Company paid no dividend, we are to fund this deficiency, the same reason might be urged should the same or a similar failure of income occur in this or subsequent years: and thus imperceptibly our already enormous funded debt be swelled to an extent beyond our means of control. It is far better to meet this question, at this early day in the existence of the consolidated City on the treshold, and to lay down the principle that the expenditures of the current and the deficiencies of the preceeding year are to be paid by direct taxation. In 1855, \$1,000,000 was borrowed to pay deficiencies of the previous and other years and added to the funded debt. In 1856, an additional sum of \$800,000 was borrowed and also funded, thus adding \$1,800,000 to the permanent debt, for the expenses and deficiencies of these and previous years. In 1857, an effort was made to put a stop to this seductive but ruinous

course. A tax of \$2.00 in the \$100.00 was levied to cover antecedent deficiencies and to pay for all expenses of the year, and it would have done so without doubt had the year been one of ordinary prosperity; that the high rate of taxation failed of its object was no fault of the manly administration of that year by whom it was recommended; if their example is followed by us as your Committee trust it will be, and the year 1858 should prove one of ordinary prosperity, to our successors of 1859 will belong the pleasing duty, denied to us, of recommending a reduction of taxation.

Your Committee submit the annexed bill entitled "An ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1858."

W. HEYWARD DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
JOHN P. VERREE,
W. P. HACKER,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
R. McCAY, JR.
ALFRED DAY.

February 4, 1858.

[A]
ACCOUNT CURRENT,

Showing the Amounts chargeable against the Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1858, and Estimate of Receipts from Taxes of former years.

Accounts due January 1, 1858, and chargeable against the balance then in the Treasury, viz :		By balance in the Treasury, Jan. 1, 1858, Estimate of outstanding taxes, that will be received in 1858, as follows :	
To interest on Loans due Jan. 1, 1858,	\$550,000 00	Registered taxes prior to 1857,	\$488,038 10
interest on Warrants,	10,000 00	From taxes of 1857,	500,000 00
Warrants of 1855 and 1856,	\$560,000 00		
.. of 1857,	119,907 06		
	540,992 98		
Interest due on Loans prior to Jan. 1, 1858, and unpaid,	\$660,960 04		
Sinking Fund,			
Unpaid bills in Highway Department for which the appropriation has merged,	\$15,000 00		
Unpaid bills in Department of City Commissioners, for which the appropriation has merged,	2,000 00		
Unpaid bills and deficiencies in Department of Clerks of Councils, for which the appropriation has merged,	1,000 00		
Unpaid bills and deficiencies in the Department of Guardians of the Poor, for which the appropriation has merged,	10,000 00		
Meet deficiencies in other Departments,	19,078 27		
	56,078 27		
		By Balance,	324,882 43
To balance, being the deficit, actual, and estimated on Jan. 1, 1858,	\$1,402,921 53		
	\$334,882 43		
			\$1,402,921 53

B.

*Appropriations to meet expenditures of the City for 1858,
and anticipated Revenue from sources other than taxation.*

	Appropriations for Expenditures for the year 1858.	Revenue for 1858 from sources other than taxation.
Interest,	1,152,992 18	
Sinking Fund,	159,079 00	
Dividend Pennsylvania R. R. Stock,		300,000 00
Trustees City Ice Boat,	11,475 00	3,200 00
Expenses of Councils,	28,520 00	
Inspectors of County Prison,	61,050 00	7,593 31
Department of Surveys,	29,354 30	
“ “ Fire,	36,375 00	
“ “ Gas,	232,356 80	66,000 00
“ “ Law,	20,250 00	34,750 00
“ “ Receiver of Taxes,	19,000 00	
“ “ Highways,	393,500 00	24,550 00
“ “ Police,	390,502 00	
“ “ Water,	145,810 00	478,000 00
“ “ Market-houses,	10,883 70	71,205 75
“ “ Wharves and Landings,	4,829 00	50,491 00
“ “ City Property,	67,052 00	19,897 72
“ “ City Treasury,	10,350 00	
“ “ Poor,	198,897 00	20,050 00
“ “ Public Schools,	468,140 95	43,285 00
“ “ City Commissioners,	169,091 72	
“ “ City Controller,	13,700 00	
“ “ Board of Health,	20,000 00	12,000 00
Licenses, Fines, Penalties, &c.,		5,800 00
Girard Estate for Lighting Delaware Avenue,		1,943 83
	\$3,643,208 65	\$1,138,766 61

AN ORDINANCE

To levy and fix the Rate of Taxes for the year 1858.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and required forthwith to levy on the real estate, furniture, horses, cows and carriages, returned by the Assessors at the assessment made in the year 1857, situate or assessed within the City of Philadelphia, (except property used for rural purposes as hereinafter provided,) a tax of two hundred cents in the hundred dollars on the assessed value thereof. And upon every taxable inhabitant of said City, returned by the Assessors aforesaid, the sum of twenty-five cents.

SECT. 2. The said tax is to be levied for the year 1858, as one City and County tax, and is hereby voted for the following objects, respectively, for the same year, namely:

For the relief and employment of the poor, the sum of sixteen cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the Public Schools, the sum of twenty-eight cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the Lighting of the City, the sum of eleven cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the Loan Tax, to pay interest on the funded debt and for the Sinking Fund, the sum of seventy-five cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the expenses of the police, the sum of twenty-six cents in the hundred dollars of the said assessed value of the said property.

For the care of the public highways, the sum of twenty-four cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For expenses of City Departments, other than those heretofore mentioned, and for City Ice Boat, the sum of twenty cents in the hundred dollars on the assessed value of the said property.

And the said amounts are hereby declared to be appropriated for the said objects, but subject to the further directions of Councils.

SECT. 3. On all such portions of said assessed property as the said Assessors have marked "rural," but two-thirds of the said rate of taxation in the hundred dollars shall be levied as aforesaid; and no part of the tax hereinbefore set apart for the relief and employment of the poor, shall be levied on such portions of the said assessed property as are situated in the Districts within the Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Wards, where houses for the accommodation of the poor are provided, and where, by the eighteenth section of the Act of 2nd February, 1854, it is enacted that no change shall be made without the consent of the qualified voters of the said District.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the Receiver of Taxes to cause to be printed on the tax-bills, the rate of taxes voted for the objects hereinbefore mentioned.

APPENDIX 89.

PETITION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STEAM FIRE ENGINE
"YOUNG AMERICA."

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners, trustees of the steam-fire engine "Young America" beg leave respectfully to represent that in the month of August, 1855, they transferred to the City of Philadelphia, through your honorable bodies, the steam-fire engine "Young America," with the view of adding to the many valuable auxiliaries for extinguishing fires in this City and likewise of having the applicability of steam for this purpose experimentally tested.

Your petitioners have viewed with much concern that the measures originating with your honorable bodies have, for some unexplicable cause, come short of the design entertained by the original purchasers of the said engine, and your petitioners have at length formed the purpose with the concurrence of the contributors to its purchase, of applying to your honorable bodies, which they now beg leave to do for the return of the said steam-fire engine, and all the apparatus thereunto belonging, to your petitioners.

In furtherance of this purpose your petitioners now ask that you will hear, and accede to their respectful request without delay, and as in duty bound they will ever pray, &c.

HENRY D. SHERRERD,	} Trustees.
WM. V. PETTIT,	
STEPHEN COLWELL,	
EDMD. A. SOUDER,	

Philadelphia, January 28, 1858.

APPENDIX 90.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES
GAS COMPANY.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the requirements of the Charter, the trustees of the Northern Liberties Gas Company present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year 1857, together with the actual outlay of capital since the commencement of the trust in 1838.

EXPENDITURES.

For Works. As per last state-		
ment,	\$167,289 07	
during 1857,	5,022 60	
	<hr/>	172,311 67
For Street Mains. As per last		
statement,	54,659 44	
during 1857,	1,487 93	
	<hr/>	56,147 37
For services. As per last report,	38,230 16	
during 1857,	4,185 90	
	<hr/>	42,416 06
For meters. As per last report,	29,786 22	
during 1857,	2,440 75	
	<hr/>	32,226 97
For Real Estate. As per last report,		29,656 28
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	Total,	\$332,758 35
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For coal,	\$65,348 66	
wages, taxes, re-		
pairs, salaries, &c.,	42,555 20	
	<hr/>	\$107,903 86

RECEIPTS.

For sale of Gas,	\$139,633 78	
coke, tar, &c.,	8,669 29	
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		\$148,303 07

The policy of the trustees has been from the commencement to ensure to the stockholders a just remuneration for their outlay, and at the same time to give to consumers of gas, in extensions and a cheapened light, the benefit arising from an economical management of the works. In pursuance of this policy the price of gas has been reduced at different times from three $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars to two $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars per thousand cubic feet, and being anxious at the earliest opportunity to meet the views so strongly urged by the citizens of the late District of Northern Liberties, the trustees have at length been enabled further to reduce the price to two $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars per thousand cubic feet, without charge for meters, service pipes or mains, and subject to the usual discount of five per cent.

The amount of capital expended January 1, 1858, is \$332,758 35, and the property for which the expenditure has been made is all in good condition for continuous use.

The capacity of the works is equal to the supply and distribution of 400,000 cubic feet per night.

No person has been denied the introduction of gas for the last five years, and the trustees beg leave to refer to this fact as a proof of their willingness still to extend their mains and give light to all who desire it.

HENRY BUDD,

Pres't pro. tem.

OFFICE NORTHERN LIBERTIES GAS CO. }

January 26, 1858. }

Attest, J. D. BUDD.

APPENDIX No. 91.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

*Office of the United States Railroad and Mining Register,
No. 423 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.
January 28, 1858.*

JOHN MILLER, Esq.,

President of Common Council.

SIR:—As one of the directors elected by Councils, “to represent the stock held by the City” in the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, I respectfully submit the following report, as “directed” by the terms of the resolution passed by Councils on the 19th November, 1857, in these words, to wit:—

“*Resolved*, That the directors elected by the City Councils to represent the stock held by the City in the following Railroad Companies, to wit: Pennsylvania, North Pennsylvania, Sunbury & Erie, and North Western, be directed to make report to Councils, annually, in the month of January, of the condition of the respective companies.”

It will be remembered that the date of my election is as recent as January 7, 1858, and that my term of office began five days thereafter, since which time but a single meeting of the Board of Directors has been held.

By the subjoined statement, which appears on page nine of the official pamphlet containing the fifth annual report of the Board of Directors, &c.,—copies whereof came into my possession at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ o'clock. P. M. Wednesday, January 27,—the condition of the Treasurer's accounts is exhibited at the end of the official year terminating November 30, 1857.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1857.

Credits.

Amount received from stockholders,	\$3,086,720 00
Gross sales of coupon bonds,	2,500,000 00
Gross sales of chattel, mortgage bonds,	100,000 00
Bills payable,	220,165 21
Ground rents and mortgages,	98,329 88
Temporary loans,	17,622 02
Coupon No. 6, due January 1, 1858,	75,000 00
Profit and loss,	8,443 46
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	\$6,106,280 57

Debits.

Construction of Road: Items carried short below,	\$4,774,104 41
Graduation and Bridges,	\$2,394,861 51
Superstructure of road,	741,802 51
Engineering expenses,	129,643 57
Interest to stockholders,	160,491 63
Interest account,	295,919 23
Discount on sales of bonds,	771,212 91
Coupons,	185,171 21
Salaries, incidentals, printing, advertising, rent, fuel, taxes, insurance, &c.,	95,001 84
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	4,774,104 41
Equipment of road,	349,279 97
Station house and machine shops,	60,654 27
Right of way,	195,123 86
Real estate,	391,915 34
Telegraph,	2,850 00
Accident, July 17, 1856, represented by stock,	316,286 38
Bills receivable,	11,243 92
Cash,	4,822 42
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	\$6,106,280 57

The Treasurer's report, as submitted to the stockholders in their annual meeting, held Jan. 11, 1858, did not contain the eight separate items, "carried short below," in the foregoing; said eight items having been inserted under a resolution offered by the undersigned, and referred to the new Board "with instructions to classify the items more in detail."

The North Pennsylvania Railroad, to	
November 30, 1857, had been in operation to the Lehigh river, exactly eleven months. For the twelve months ending at that date, its gross	
earnings amounted to	\$248,783 80
Total expenses, as reported officially,	112,186 65
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Net earnings,	\$136,597 15

This result, for a first year, and that year partly one of unusual depression in trade and confusion in finances, demonstrates conclusively that the road is destined to command a very large traffic, and accomplish for this community important commercial results. This was promised, in advance, by those who constituted the company's original organization, and the fulfilment of that promise is to them a gratifying consideration. But causes, long ago made public, delayed the completion of the road, and swelled the cost of its construction, so that now, in offset to a large business and prospects of a rapid increase thereof, there exists a large indebtedness, upon the whole of which interest must be paid out of the net earnings, *before* any dividend can be earned for the stockholders. And as the City is a stockholder in the sum of \$1,400,000, which, exclusive of the stock issued in payment of damages caused by the disaster of July 17, 1856, (316,286 38,) is more than one-half the paid-in capital of the company, the City's interest will be most effectually subserved by that policy on the part of the company, which shall be most successful in staying the enlargement of funded or floating indebtedness. Unquestionably, the policy pursued last year, has post-

poned the receipt of a first dividend, by the City, on her stock. And as, under that policy, the company suspended on its floating debt last autumn and defaulted on five-sixths of its coupons due January 1, 1858, a very brief reference to it will suffice.

When the North Pennsylvania Railroad was opened to the Lehigh river, the company possessed an insufficient supply of rolling stock to accommodate the traffic which sought the road. The bonds secured by the first mortgage of two and a half millions of dollars had all been exhausted, and, meantime, the interest thereon at the rate of \$150,000 per annum, payable half yearly on the first of January and July, was accruing; the bonds, too, depreciated in the market; it was known as well outside as inside the company, that if the July interest were paid, it would, in part at least, be paid out of the proceeds of a new indebtedness—the rate of the new loan to be gauged according to the situation of the company's Treasury. At the same time it was conceded among all persons, who appreciated the road, that, if *given time*, it would work out of its embarrassments. In this emergency, all parties in interest discussed the affairs of the corporation; and it was publicly proposed that the first mortgage creditors should be called together by the Directors, and a full and complete exhibit be made to them of the road's condition and the Treasury's resources, with a view to induce said creditors to agree to a *plan of concession* by funding a few coupons in advance, or by accepting in lieu of money for a few coupons, Scrip bearing interest. This would have allowed the company to provide an additional rolling stock out of the cash net earnings, and would, moreover, have insured to the City an earlier dividend than can now be reasonably looked for. But the first mortgage creditors were not called together, although the most of them reside in the City, and a policy contrary to concession was adopted by the Board of Directors.

On the 27th of April, 1857, a chattel mortgage for five hundred thousand dollars, bearing *ten* per cent. interest, was executed by Mr. Franklin A. Comly,

President. The July, 1857, coupons were paid; additional rolling stock was obtained.

As, however, according to a statement furnished the *Public Ledger* of October 21, 1857, the company had only at that time "issued" twenty-six thousand dollars of chattel mortgage bonds, while, at that date, the company's floating debt was "\$260,000," it seems that the company failed to pass off to engine and car builders, chattel bonds for rolling stock, or to persons seeking investment, chattel bonds for cash.

To the end of the official year, Nov. 30, 1857, one hundred thousand dollars of chattel bonds had been parted with, chiefly to fund suspended floating debt, which process is still in operation, the ten per cent. bonds being valued at seventy-five per cent., and whereby the floating debt is merged into a permanent debt at an annual rate of $13\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. on the proceeds of the chattel bonds.

Expenditure for equipments for year ending Nov. 30, 1857, \$241,394 62;

\$26,000 00	at ten per cent.	\$2,600 00	per year;	\$43,333 $\frac{1}{3}$	at six per cent.	\$2,600	per year;
\$215,394 62	at ten per cent.	\$21,539 46	per year;	\$358,991	at six pr. cent.	\$21,539 46	"
\$241,394 62	"	"	"	\$24,139 46	"	"	"
				\$402,324 $\frac{1}{3}$	"	"	"

The amount of three coupons on the first mortgage, \$225,000, cash out of the net earnings, would no doubt have obtained more rolling stock than is represented by the foregiven cost of equipments, viz. \$241,394 62. If, moreover, the three coupons due respectively July 1, 1857, Jan. 1, 1858, and July 1, 1858, had been arranged for, in advance, upon a plan of concession, the company would have been in condition to meet its coupon due January 1, 1859, with the proceeds of its net earnings, in view of which result the bonds would have risen in price, and the stockholders would have sooner realized a dividend on their shares.

Now, however, after the company shall have earned enough to meet regularly, and pay in full, the coupons on its first mortgage of \$2,500,000, it must also earn fifty thousand dollars to meet the annual interest on its chattel bonds; for, although the chattel mortgage

bonds on hand, undisposed of, may be sufficient to fund the existing floating debt, and leave still available for other purposes, perhaps one-fifth in amount of the whole mortgage, early use will doubtless be found for the proceeds, as demands, foreseen and unforeseen, always follows the opening of a new railroad. There is also payable annually, a small sum of interest money on a few ground rents and special mortgages on pieces of real estate. And from and after January 1, 1860, only two years hence, a condition in the first mortgage stipulates that there shall be "appropriated annually out of the earnings of this company, to a Sinking Fund, the sum of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars," to be invested in the bonds issued under said mortgage. Meanwhile, too, there will be due annually out of the earnings of the road, an appropriation to a renewal fund for the *maintenance of permanent way*, so that depreciation of iron, bridges, and cross ties, shall not be wrongfully charged to *construction*.

To charge to Expense account *all* that belongs to it, and to Construction account *only* what belongs to it, is a duty always enjoined upon Railroad Directors and sometimes observed—as witness the best managed roads and the most successful companies.

During the present official year, the North Pennsylvania will no doubt earn, net, more than the interest on its first mortgage loan; and in the next official year it may earn, net, more than the interest on its existing debts. In the next or third year, the Sinking Fund comes into operation; so that, with the largest success and increase in its transportation, and consequent increase of net earnings, under judicious fares and charges, the *dividend period* is still several years in the future; but, that it will be reached before many years, and maintained when once fairly arrived at, we have, nor never had any doubt whatever. The elements of recuperation are so powerful in the scheme, that, even the extraordinary loads which have been piled upon it, have not weighed it down below the rebound of its vitality. But what is past cannot be recalled, and hence it is for the present and the future that provi-

sion must be made, only, meanwhile, adverting to the past to be admonished by its lessons ; for, if the past were forgot, the world would be a scene of experiments in lieu of a scene of improvements.

Financial exhibit of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at the end of each of the last three official years, compiled principally from the Treasurer's Report ; the variation in the debit headings appearing in said reports.

CREDITS.	(1) Nov. 30, 1857.	(2) Nov. 30, 1856.	(3) Nov. 30, 1855.
Amount received from Stockholders,	\$ 3,086,720 00	\$ 3,051,865 00	\$ 2,530,855 00
Sales of 1st Mort., 6 per cent. Coupon Bonds,	2,500,000 00	1,825,500 00	265,500 00
“ of Chattel Mortgage, 10 per cent. Bonds,	100,000 00		
Bills Payable,	220,165 21	461,863 36	360,653 72
Ground Rents and Mortgages,	98,529 82	96,454 88	105,328 22
Temporary Loans,	17,622 02	10,756 82	
Coupon No. 6, due Jan. 1, 1858,	75,000 00		
Profit and Loss,	8,443 46		
Receipts from Passengers,		56,238 57	25,420 97
Receipts from Freight,		18,469 75	4,446 09
Sundry unsettled Accounts,			4,187 36
	\$ 6,106,280 57	\$ 5,521,148 38	\$ 3,296,401 36

(1) This item includes \$316,286 38 of stock paid on account of the accident of July 17, 1856.

(2) This item includes \$293,277 41 of stock paid on account of the accident of July 17, 1856.

(3) This item includes 6,074 shares of stock, amounting to \$303,700, issued to Contractors for work done ; and at date Nov. 30, 1855, there remained to be issued to Contractors, for work in progress, 4,582 shares, amounting to \$229,100 ; making the whole amount of stock, at that date, paid and payable to Contractors, \$532,800. And, exclusive of the accident of July 17, 1856, the capital stock has since been increased, from new subscriptions or otherwise, only \$10,478 62.

DEBITS.	Nov. 30, 1857.	Nov. 30, 1856.	Nov. 30, 1855.
1. Graduation and Masonry,	\$ 2,394,861 51	See item 2.	\$1,714,197 62
2. " Bridges, Masonry,			
Incidentals, &c.,		\$ 2,352,124 79	
3. Superstructure of Road,	741,802 51		
4. " Rails, Sills,			
Spikes, Printing, &c.,		744,084 17	
5. Cars, Locomotives, Stations,			131,727 01
&c.,			
6. Locomotives, Cars, Turn Ta-		145,812 44	
bles, &c.,			
7. Machine Shop, Tools, Station		47,750 74	
Houses, &c.,			
8. Superstructure, Rails, Chairs,			
Sills, &c.,		See item 4.	323,679 98
9. Engineering Expenses,	129,643 57	119,760 72	102,667 30
10. Interest paid to Stockholders,	160,491 63	159,425 65	144,598 46
11. " Account,	295,919 23	See item 13.	182,570 27
12. Discount on Sales of Bonds,	771,212 91	See item 13.	185,490 36
13. Interest, Discounts, and Dis-			
count on Bonds,	See items 11 & 12.	796,601 79	See items 11 & 12.
14. Coupons,	185,171 21	32,903 12	No coupons due.
15. Office Expenses, Printing, Ad-			
vertising and Salaries,		See items 2 & 4.	30,752 70
16. Incidental Expenses and Da-			
mages,		See items 2 & 4.	17,494 14
17. Salaries, Incidentals, Print-			
ing, Advertising, Rent, Fuel,			
Taxes, Insurance, &c.,	95,001 84		
18. Equipment of Road,	349,279 97	See items 5 & 6.	See item 5.
19. Station House and Machine			
Shops,	60,654 27	See item 7.	See item 5.
20. Right of Way,	195,123 86	172,026 09	137,382 25
21. Real Estate,	391,915 34	390,040 34	383,329 88
22. Telegraph,	2,850 00		
23. Accident July 17, represented			
by Stock,	316,286 38	293,277 41	
24. Bills Receivable,	11,243 92	166,738 84	
25. Cash,	4,822 42	42,626 15	8,723 67
26. Expense of Running Road,		57,976 13	33,787 72
	\$ 6,106,280 57	\$ 5,521,148 35	\$ 3,296,401 36

9. The subjoined is a classification of this item, giving the engineering expenses on each division of the surveys ordered by the Company.

South Division : Philadelphia

to Bethlehem,

97,372 77

Lehigh Division : Bethlehem

to Pittston,

\$15,615 46

Susquehanna Division : Pitts-

ton to Waverly,

13,304 80

Delaware Division : Bethle-

hem to Del. Water Gap,

3,350 58

32,270 80

Total,

\$129,643 57

(12) This item for 1855, includes \$119,115 36 discount on the City bonds received by the Company in payment for stock. The discount on the first mortgage coupon six per cent. bonds sold to Nov. 30, 1855, was \$66,375. These two sums together make up the total given, \$185,490 36. The same item for 1857—two years later—shows an increase of \$585,722 55. This increase is made up of the difference between *par* and the price at which the remainder of the first mortgage bonds, and a portion of the chattel mortgage bonds, were parted with. Thus, to sell a bond, the *par* whereof is a hundred dollars, for seventy-five dollars, the discount of course is twenty-five per cent; and if the bond bear interest at the rate of *six* per cent. per annum, the consequence is, that the Company pays *eight* per cent. on the proceeds of such sale, which is equivalent to an eight per cent. loan negotiated at *par*. If the bond bear *ten* per cent. interest per annum, and the price thereof is seventy-five per cent., the effect is that the Company makes a funded debt at the rate of *thirteen and a third* per cent. per annum.

STOCK AND DEBT ACCOUNT.	Nov. 30, 1857.	Nov. 30, 1856.	Nov. 30, 1855.
Capital Stock paid in,	\$3,086,720 00	\$3,051,865 00	\$2,530,855 00
First Mortgage, Six per Cent. Loan,	2,500,000 00	1,825,500 00	265,500 00
Chattel Mortgage, Ten per Cent. Loan,	100,000 00		
Bills Payable,	220,165 21	461,863 36	360,653 72
Ground Rents and Mortgages,	98,329 88	96,454 88	105,338 22
Temporary Loans,	17,622 02	10,756 82	
	\$6,022,837 11	\$5,446,440 06	\$3,262,346 94

Nov. 30, 1857. To fund the floating debt with chattel bonds at the rate of seventy-five per cent., will require of said bonds, say, \$300,000; to reduce these ten per cent. bonds, including the \$100,000 of ten per cents. sold, to a six per cent. equated loan, add \$346,502, and the account will stand thus:—Capital stock, \$3,086,720; six per cent. loans, \$3,282,619 11; total, \$6,369,339 11.

Nov. 30, 1856. To fund the floating debt with first mortgage six per cent. bonds at sixty per cent., required, say, \$770,000 thereof; add for discount, \$308,000

to the floating debt, and the account stands thus:—Capital stock, \$3,051,865; six per cent. loans, \$2,702,575; total, \$5,754,440 06.

Nov. 30, 1855. To fund the floating debt with first mortgage six per cent. bonds, then selling at seventy-five per cent., required of said bonds at that rate, \$481,000; add for discount, \$120,346 28 to the floating debt, and the account stands thus:—Capital stock, \$2,530,855; six per cent. loans, \$851,838 22; total, \$3,382,693 22.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS S. FERNON,
City Director.

APPENDIX 92.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works in presenting their twenty-third annual report, have the pleasure of exhibiting in an intelligible form a clear and comprehensive statement of the financial and effective condition of one of the most successful enterprises ever undertaken by a municipal body.

From their inception in the year 1835 to the present time, the history of these works has formed part of the archives of the City and has been laid open to public inspection from year to year in minute detail without the slightest reserve.

When the erection of the works was first authorized, many of our most esteemed and intelligent fellow citizens entertained grave doubts as to the propriety of such an undertaking even on the moderate scale then contemplated; and the consent of a minority in

Councils could be obtained only on conditions which should keep the City Treasury free from liability on account of the enterprise, and, at the same time, place its management entirely subject to the control of the corporate authorities.

So imperfect were the arrangements then adopted in other cities for the manufacture and distribution of gas, that its use was believed to be necessarily limited to public or open business establishments: its most ardent advocates did not assert for it any claim to extensive domestic use.

An aim kept steadily in view in the construction and management of the Philadelphia Gas Works, was to remove the defects and dangers which formed the chief obstacle to the general use of gas for all the purposes of life.

In their selection of officers and agents to carry their ideas into practical effect, the original Board of Trustees were so peculiarly fortunate that the improved methods first adopted in the early construction and subsequent enlargement of the establishment have long been esteemed models, and adopted as such almost universally.

Among the various improvements originating in the Philadelphia Gas Works, one of the earliest after they went into operation was, the establishment of a prescribed rule for the regulation of the size and materials of the pipes and fittings used for distributing the supply of gas to the consumers.

There had previously been no definite regulation known or practised, and great inconveniences had been experienced for the want of it. At the request of the Trustees, the present Engineer of these works instituted a scientific investigation of the subject, and computed the practical formulæ, from which he derived our present regulations. And it is worthy of note, that their adaptation to their intended object was so complete, that after the test of twenty years experience, no reason has been found for making the slightest variation in them, and they have for many years been universally accepted as an authoritative

rule, not only throughout the United States, but in many foreign countries.

The Philadelphia Gas Works first introduced the system of giving increased purity to their gas by means of refrigerating jets thrown into the gas while hot, and arranging the condensers in multifold series of small pipes, instead of increasing the diameter of the condenser pipes, as the make of gas increased. The advantages of this system has been made very apparent by the contrast of its results with those of the works in Fifteenth ward, where the old fashioned condensers are in use. The gas passes from these so imperfectly freed from ammoniacal and other condensable vapors that it loses greatly in volume after reaching the street mains, and produces thus a large apparent loss or waste. The loss, even after closing all the leaks that have been found, being about four times as great as in the City works, where the more perfect preparation of the gas before measuring it at the works, conjoined with great care in laying the street pipes, reduced the loss to an average of less than 3 per cent. a year.

The loss at the Fifteenth Ward Works before the leakage of their pipes was remedied, reached about 20 per cent. per annum, and even after many of the leaks have been discovered and stopped, the condensation is so great as to make the whole loss of the entire consolidated works reach nearly six per cent. The system of condensation at the new works in First Ward is the same as was used in the works in the Ninth Ward. In some other respects, however, these new works are greatly improved. The arrangements for hoisting and storing coal, save about twenty-five cents a ton in handling this heavy article. The settings of the retorts render them much more effective, so that with the same retorts, labor and fuel, they yield a much larger quantity of gas.

The pneumatic exhausters, by relieving the retorts of the great pressure of the nascent gas have increased the yield of gas from the ton of coal nearly 5 per cent., and have improved its quality by diminishing the loss

of the rich hydro-carbons which are usually deposited in a thick coat of carbon on the interior of the retorts, thus wasting gas and impairing the capacity of the retort. By the use of these exhausters we have been enabled to dispense with the counterweights of the gas holders, and thus obtained much greater control over the proper regulation of the pressure in the street mains. To guide the workmen in the exercise of this control over the pressure, instruments for recording the pressure at all hours of the day and night have been introduced at various points, and it is proposed to increase the number of these as may be required from time to time.

The large gas holder in First Ward has completely fulfilled every expectation, working with perfect ease and regularity, and is quite as manageable as any of the small ones, while its cost for cubic foot of storage is very much less.

The statistics of the cost and working capacity of the different portions of the works are taken from the original records and vouchers filed in the office, and have been compiled with great care and labor so as to insure their accuracy.

In the recent examination into the affairs of the Gas Works, by a committee of your body, it has afforded the Trustees much pleasure, to extend every possible facility, being confident that it must result in like manner with all previous investigations, in setting forth more conspicuously the careful and faithful management under which the department has pursued its quiet and unostentatious course.

Among the allegations made to the recent Committee of Inquiry, there was one which requires some notice here on account of the complete recklessness it exhibits on the part of persons whose desire seems to have been to bring discredit on the management of the Works. One of the witnesses is said to have testified on oath, that there had been a large increase in the expenses of the Fifteenth Ward Works, after they came under the control of the Trustees.

As no books or documents, exhibiting the transac-

tions of these Works, were found in the office or furnished to the Trustees, it seemed to be no easy task to disprove such statement. But happily for the cause of truth the want of funds for the payment of the men employed for the month or two previous to the Consolidation of the Works, rendered it necessary to produce a time-sheet or pay-list, shewing the sums then due, which sums, with all other outstanding debts, were payable by the Trustees. An examination of the pay-list presented to the trust by this very witness shows that the wages paid for gas-making in the month of March, 1855, being the last month of his management, was nearly one thousand dollars more than was paid in March, 1856, when twenty per cent. more gas was made, and several hundred dollars more than was paid in March, 1857, when the make of gas was nearly two fold.

Testimony given with so little regard to facts, merits no comment.

In like manner have the disparaging statements that have been so industriously circulated within the past three years, been proven destitute of truth whenever they have been made sufficiently specific to admit of investigation.

No less than four official investigations having been made at the instigation of the leaders in this system of misrepresentation,—two by the Board of Trustees and two by Committees of Councils.

There having been some currency given to an opinion, that the cost of the recent additions to the Works has been much greater than the estimates, a few remarks on the subject will not be out of place in this report.

In one sense, the whole works have greatly exceeded in their cost the early estimates. For example, the original estimate for the cost of the Philadelphia Gas Works was \$100,000 00, with a probable increase to \$125,000 00, and the cost to the present time has been over \$2,600,000 00, or more than twenty times the highest original estimate; but surely no one can fairly say that this is an excess of cost beyond estimate in

the ordinary and proper meaning of the phrase. The establishment for which the estimate was given was intended to make 75,000 feet of gas per day, and store 70,000 feet, with proportionate distribution, and it was built at a cost within the second named sum. The works now built have a capacity for making 2,700,000 feet per day, and storing 3,800,000, with proportionate distribution, being nearly forty times the extent of those for which the original estimate was made. In this sense only have the works in First Ward, or any other extension of these works cost more than was estimated, such greater cost having, in every instance, arisen from the greater extent of the work done beyond what was at first contemplated, and such greater extent being the consequence of increased demand for gas.

When, in January, 1851, the sum of \$300,000 was named as the amount required for the new section of works, it was expressly stated that it was for one section similar to that just completed at Ninth Ward station, which had a capacity for making 320,000 feet of gas, with a regulating gasholder, suitable for the requirements of the ensuing three or four years.

The site then in view was within one mile of the old works, requiring less than a mile in length of connecting main, and was also within reach of the City water mains.

The site afterwards obtained was nearly three miles distant, and out of reach of the City water mains. The general preparations, instead of being limited to the requirements of auxiliary works, suitable for the few next years, have necessarily been extended to meet the requirements of the entire supply of the City, not merely for the seven years already elapsed, but for a long time to come. Instead of one section, producing 320,000 feet, two sections have been completed, with a capacity for making a million feet a day, and storing nearly two millions.

The magnitude of the works being nearly three times that estimated for, while the cost is only twice the sum named for the early designs.

As soon as the more distant location became probable, an estimate was given of the cost of one section at this point, the amount being \$400,000 00; which sum was then authorized by Councils by ordinance of 20th of March, 1851. The first section was built and put in operation in December, 1854, at a cost of several thousand dollars less than the appropriation. Some idea may be formed of the magnitude of the new works, from a view of a few items of a general nature necessary for making the early structures conform to the plans of the future entire works:

For grading the grounds, 40,240 cubic yards of earth were required. The wharf on the river front has an area of 60,000 square feet, with 30 feet depth of water in front. The water mains have an extent of 3,570 feet. The connecting gas mains and pipes are 10,820 feet long. The plank roads cover 30,000 square feet. The rail road tracks have a length of 2,654 feet at these works, and 4,280 feet at Ninth Ward.

To a person unacquainted with the daily practical details of gas-making these costly additions may appear superfluous, but it is demonstrable to any skilful and experienced gas engineer, that the saving in current expenses will repay many times over the interest on their cost.

In the purchase of Bituminous Coals for the Gas Works, the Trustees have been governed in estimating their value by the judgment and experience of their engineer.

It has been their policy to give a preference to the coals mined in our own State, whenever they could be obtained on as good terms as coals from other sources of equal quality.

The just value of coals for gas making purposes, can only be arrived at by a careful chemical analysis of their constituents, and by a photometrical measurement of the illuminating power of the gas they yield, all of which are carefully made by the engineer and his assistant, and their value for practical working so proved before purchasing for use on the large scale.

It is a well-established fact that the dryer coals can

be kept before used for carbonizing the better they are for making gas, as there is a great gain in using dry coals over damp, both in the quantity and quality of the gas produced; besides, the presence of moisture in coals has been found to exert an injurious influence upon the retorts, and to a certain extent retard the operation of their carbonization; for, when put into the retorts in a damp state, the moisture is speedily converted into steam, the presence of which causes the formation of carbonic acid and carbonic oxide gases, which cause a more rapid destruction of the retorts, and proves detrimental to the illuminating properties of the gas obtained.

A distinguished French chemist, M. Penot, considers that even ten per cent. of hygrometric moisture in coal deteriorates the illuminating power so much that the proportion of olefiant (illuminating) gas from such coal to that of dry coal is as 1 to 1.5. These results have been confirmed by experiments on a large scale, and by the long experience of the engineer of the City Gas Works; and it is believed that the large and convenient sheds which have been erected for the storage of coal at the new works referred to by him in his report will fully meet his expectation, and greatly increase the profit of the works by the saving they will make in keeping the coal dry and in good working order.

On the 31st day of March, 1857, Mr. John Wiegand, resigned as cashier of the Gas Works, having accepted the Presidency of the Western Saving Fund Society.

His resignation was accepted with great regret by the trustees, as the long connection of Mr. Wiegand, with the works as a trustee, and his peculiar qualifications—both of experience and personal fitness—gave a confidence in him as the financial head of the establishment, which was of great value.

In addition to the regular semi-monthly examinations of his accounts, Mr. Wiegand requested, on his retirement, that there should be another embracing the whole period of his service which was made, and every item of money or securities received by him

were fully accounted for, and the resulting balances handed over to his successor.

While Mr. Wiegand occupied the important post of cashier, every duty which, even in the remotest degree might be considered as under his charge was most faithfully and efficiently discharged, and many important arrangements made of great benefit to the Trust.

Among these was the organization and practical working of the Department of Public Lighting, then recently confided to the trustees by an ordinance of the City.

Indeed, the whole course of Mr. Wiegand's official connection with the Trust was marked by success in his arrangements, and won for him the entire confidence and cordial approbation of the Trustees.

Since the 12th day of June, 1857, the Departments of Distribution and Public Lighting have been under the care of Mr. Alexander J. Kite, and he appears to be faithfully laboring for the interests of the Trust and for the proper discharge of his duties to the public.

The Engineer's and Cashier's reports herewith presented exhibit in full detail the operations of the last official year in the Departments under their charge.

As both of these gentlemen have been officially connected with the Trust for upwards of twenty years, that fact is of itself sufficient to show the estimation in which we hold them, and they need no other eulogy.

There are some topics of interest which ought not to be omitted from this report.

Among these are the Telegraphic arrangements made during the year, by which all the several manufacturing stations and the offices are kept in constant communication with each other and with the Police and Fire Telegraph lines of the City.

These arrangements save time and money in the details of one at present vast business, and as an economical problem, have resulted in an absolute gain of money.

The facility with which the supply of gas can be checked from one station, and increased from another

the additional security given to life and property by promptly shutting off from buildings on fire the almost constant necessity for transmitting messages from point to point, make the Magnetic Telegraph an almost indispensable servant, and fully realize the views of the Engineer when he urged its adoption.

As the permanent capital provided for the enlargement of the Works and the increase of the distribution of gas to customers has for some time been exhausted, the additions of this character have been very limited; indeed they are now only furnished to new customers when they are willing to advance the cost of the service pipe and meter, and that of the street main, should it not have already been laid. In meeting the demands of new customers, the Board have gone so far that they retained out of the authorized capital, a very small sum for working means in the supplies of stock and labor for the factories.

This is a great disadvantage, and can only be corrected by speedy legislation of Councils, or by persisting in the policy of declining new custom, until the profits accumulate by the annual appropriations to the Contingent Fund to an extent that will furnish a full amount of working capital.

When that is reached, a small sum will be applicable for extensions of distribution and enlargement of Works, but it is respectfully submitted that such postponement will be a sort of injustice to such portions of the City as are not now reached by gas mains, and to individuals located on lines already made, whose adjoining neighbors have been heretofore supplied with gas on the terms originally established, and continued so long as any provision for such permanent investments lasted.

It will be perceived that this is a question altogether independent of any projects now pending for the purchase of the property owned by the incorporated Gas Companies doing business within parts of the City limits.

Whatever may be the public or private considerations urged for the purchase of such property, they

have not originated with this board, and their settlement, in any way, will not affect the applications made by citizens who would be supplied from the works already under the charge of the Trustees.

Under the powers granted to the Trustees, the price of gas is already as high as the ordinances permit to be charged. To raise the needful funds by an increase of price will require legislation by Councils.

The board, therefore, recommends that authority should be promptly given to raise either by loan in the usual form, or by some other very equitable method, such an amount as will meet the demands of new customers, independently of any projects for the purchase of the works of the corporate companies. By such plan, there will be no increase of taxation and no injustice to any one, either Gas Stockholders or their customers, our works being self-supporting, imposing no burthen upon those who deal with them, as any difference in price is no more than the difference they regularly meet and pay for every other commodity when they purchase in different markets. It would be different and oppressive, indeed, upon such citizens, if the Philadelphia Gas Works were supported out of taxes, but they never have, and properly managed, never will cost one cent to the City Treasury.

On the 1st instant, the amount of the Sinking Fund was \$890,920 70, of this sum \$727,300 are invested in City and Gas Loans at a cost of \$735,961 05. For the balance the Trustees hold \$63,375 46 in City Warrants as a temporary investment, which will be used for the purchase of Loans for the Sinking Fund as rapidly as the City Treasurer will pay off such Warrants.

The total cost of the works to January

1st, 1858, is,	\$2,731,867 86
Of this amount,	1,836,300 00

have been paid by the Loans authorized for the trust.

And the sum of	450,000 00
credited to the City of Philadelphia as	
the cost of the Spring Garden, Frank-	

ford, West Philadelphia, and Moyamensing Gas Works.

Of the balance, the sum of	384,526 86
has been paid out of the profits of the works, and	61,051 00
borrowed temporarily from the sinking Fund.	
The Sinking Fund now amounts to the sum of	890,920 70
so that the real indebtedness for them is only	1,395,379 30
If held by a Stock Company, the profits of 1857 would have given a dividend of about 8 per cent. on the gross capital of	2,731,867 86
or 14 per cent. on the present net capital of	1,395,379 30

The money accounts of the Trust are very large, but the system of accountability, and of regular examination and verification is rigid. This system, and the regular enforcement of cash payments from customers, have kept the concern comparatively clear from losses by bad debts, or fraud, or negligence.

The collecting and accounting officers all feel a personal interest in the working of and perfection of this system, and its results, both for them and for the Trustees, are justly matters of pride and exultation.

As the Gas Works are a great public Trust, they ought to claim the especial care and supervision of Councils. The books, papers, and every matter connected with the Trust, are, by its constitution, open to such supervision, and it will at all times be a gratification to the Trustees to meet any committee of Councils, and to submit to such scrutiny as will prove the faithful administration of duty on their part.

GEO. H. BURGIN, *President.*

Attest, JNO. P. MURTA, *Registrar.*

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS,

January 28, 1858.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

The undersigned has the honor to lay before the Board of Trustees his Twenty-second Annual Report of the condition of the works confided to his care, and the results of their operations during the year just closed.

The several factories belonging to the Trust have produced, in the year 1857, 469,067,000 cubic feet of gas; of which 185,810,000 cubic feet were made at the works in the First Ward, 173,279,000 in Ninth Ward, and 109,978,000 in Fifteenth Ward.

The whole quantity that has been made under the Trust, from its commencement, is over thirty-one hundred million cubic feet; or, in exact figures, 3,198,088,000. The increase of production over the previous year is over thirty-four millions, or nearly 8 per cent.

The materials used in making gas in the several factories, are as shown in the annexed tabular statements:

	1st Ward. Tons.	9th Ward. Tons.	15th Ward. Tons.	Total. Tons.
Coal in store January 1st, 1857,	11,448	16,288	345	28,081
“ bought in 1857,	18,841	8,076	12,111	39,028
	30,289	24,364	12,456	67,109
Coal carbonized in 1857,	17,949	17,950	11,737	47,636
Allowance for three years waste,			235	235
Coal in store January 1st, 1858,	12,340	6,414	484	19,238
	30,289	24,364	12,456	67,109
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Coke on hand January 1st, 1857,	180,000	5,000	25,000	210,000
“ made in 1857,	557,458	664,952	419,256	1,641,666
	737,458	669,952	444,256	1,851,666
Coke used under retorts in 1857,	242,744	370,501	268,358	881,603
“ “ in office, yards, &c.,	65,957	12,680	4,450	83,087
“ sold,	197,757	261,603	167,483	626,843
“ stock on hand Jan. 1, 1858,	231,000	25,168	3,965	260,133
	737,458	669,952	444,256	1,851,666

There has also been used 128,930 bushels of lime in purifiers, and 1,717 cords of wood.

The maximum number of retorts continuously in use at the works in First Ward, was 126; in Ninth Ward, 162; and in the Fifteenth Ward, 99. The average being, in the First Ward, $85\frac{3}{4}$; in the Ninth Ward, $104\frac{1}{2}$; and in the Fifteenth Ward, $75\frac{1}{2}$. The greatest number at work at one and the same time, in all these works, being 384.

The largest daily average yield of each retort in the year was :

7,200 feet at the works in First Ward.	
5,700 " " " " Ninth Ward.	
4,668 " " " " Fifteenth Ward.	

The largest quantity from each pound of coal respectively made for any full day's work :

4.83 feet at the works in First Ward.	
4.64 " " " " Ninth Ward.	
4.60 " " " " Fifteenth Ward.	

The number of meters and service pipes put in at new places, has been :

In the wards comprising the Old City	297
" " " Spring Garden and Penn,	321
" " " Moyamensing,	70
" Twenty-third Ward,	15
" Twenty-fourth Ward,	31
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Making a total of meters and services set during the year 1857, seven hundred and thirty-four; and the whole number now in use, twenty-five thousand one hundred and eighty.

The number of applications registered during the year, has been :

In the Old City, including Moyamensing,	3,125
In Spring Garden and Penn,	1,999
In Twenty-third Ward,	76
In Twenty-fourth Ward,	214
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In all,	5,504

Deducting from these the removals and discontinuances, amounting to 4,744, and adding the number of previous consumers, shows the whole number of gas consumers, at the present time on the books of the Trust, to be 26,304.

The lights added during the year are as follows :

Old City	10,210
Spring Garden and Penn,	5,614
Moyamensing	687
Twenty-fourth Ward,	535
Previously in use,	315,441
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Total,	332,487

The public lamps now in use amount, in all the wards supplied from these works, to 3,810; adding these to 18,442 private lights supplied through the pipes of the Southwark Gas Company, and 5,963 private lights supplied through the pipes of the Germantown Gas Company, makes the aggregate of 357,729 lights receiving gas from these works.

In the Twenty-third Ward there are 2,973 private, and 57 public lights supplied with gas from the Northern Liberties Gas Company.

The length of street mains laid during the year has been 2,683 feet, and the entire length of mains belonging to the Trust, is 1,134,904 feet, or nearly 215 miles.

In pursuance of the directions of the Board, the extension of the street mains and service pipes was suspended early in the spring, except in those cases where the applications had been registered at the office prior to the resolution of the Board, and in such others as the parties were desirous of having the work done at their individual expense.

The additions in this department have consequently been small in comparison with former years: a state of things that must continue until Councils shall have taken action on the subject. All new work of construction, in other departments, was also brought to a close as early as was practicable, without detriment to

the works; as soon as the few outstanding bills are settled, the construction account will be virtually closed.

This pause in the growth of the works, marks one of the stages of progress, at which it may be useful to take a brief but comprehensive view of their extent and condition of effective capacity, and by collating these with the outlay of capital, obtain a scale or standard by which a fair comparison may be drawn between these and other Gas Works, in those important particulars.

An additional reason in favor of such a review at the present time, may be derived from a question raised in Councils a few months since, as to the relative economy manifested in the construction and conduct of the City Works, in comparison with a neighboring establishment, the management of which had been pronounced to be in accordance with the economical principles that prevail in the affairs of individual capitalists.

A series of interrogatories propounded for the solution of the above questions, required for their full and accurate answer a careful examination and dissection of accounts, extending through many years.

By using the results of this laborious investigation for our present purpose, they can be recorded in a shape that will make them accessible and available for similar comparisons with any other works in the country.

The statistics thus compiled, will be found further on in this report, collated in such way as to present their relations in various essential points.

The only important additions to the buildings and apparatus during the past year, have been the erection of the permanent machinery for supplying the works in First Ward, and the families there resident, with water, the fitting-up of the several tenements, so as to accommodate an increased number of families of the workmen, and the extension of the railway tracks at Ninth Ward, for the more convenient reception of the supply of coals.

In the regular operations of the factories, nothing has occurred requiring special notice; the results in all departments having been almost identical with those before reported.

The large gas-holder has given further proof of the good qualities described last year, having undergone the test of several storms of great violence, when raised to its utmost height, and presenting an elevation of over ninety feet, to the action of the gale. Its great utility, as a controllable regulator of supply to the street mains, is shown by the indications of the local pressure registers, which exhibit a steady maintenance of the appointed pressure, during the hours of maximum consumption at points many miles distant from the works.

From the open retort settings described last year, like favorable results have been obtained, and preparations are making to extend their use throughout the First Ward Works.

The cellular retorts, for producing gas from vegetable materials, have in like manner been successfully worked throughout the year; confirming the opinion heretofore given respecting their profitable use. An opinion now based upon a practical trial continued through three years, with a production of nearly thirty millions cubic feet of gas.

After this lengthened experience in the use of this apparatus, it can no longer be regarded as an experiment; the profits arising from it have more than repaid its cost twice over, and the important commercial advantages contingent upon its possession, are such as to make its continuance a measure of wise policy.

A few days after the publication of the last Annual Report, the line of electric telegraph connecting the various stations and offices, was put in operation, and has since been in constant use as part of the essential machinery of the works, realizing in full measure all the advantages anticipated from its adoption. In addition to these, it has also served as a medium of connection with the principal police stations; whereby

the two departments, in both of which unceasing vigilance by night, as well as by day, are necessary, have been enabled to render mutual services, highly beneficial to both.

For the prompt courtesy with which every needful facility has been afforded in this connection, acknowledgements are due to the Mayor of the City and his officers, as also to the intelligent Superintendent of the Police Telegraph, and the officers in his department.

Before proceeding to compare the rates of cost and value of the City Gas Works with those of the Northern Liberties Works, I may be allowed to state, that such comparison has not been instituted voluntarily on my part; but having been attempted by others, and strongly insisted on, as a proper test of the relative economy exhibited in private and public works, it became a duty not to be disregarded, to follow up the comparison to such extent as would elicit the whole truth, and secure equal justice to all parties. The data used in forming the scale of relative cost and value, are all susceptible of proof by reference to the official records of the two establishments, and most of them are matters of public record, being from the same sources as those given in the recent report of the Committee of Councils.

In the annual reports to Councils, the statements of expenditures do not give the cost of the several parts of the factory and gas store-room as separate items, but include the whole of these departments in one sum. For this reason, their value for collation must be stated in such manner as will represent the whole in one combined term. This can be done approximately by adding together the cubic feet of their capacity for daily manufacture of purified gas, and the cubic feet of store-room.

A comparison will first be made between these items of value and cost, for the new works in the First Ward; next for those of Northern Liberties, and afterwards between the same items for the entire City Works.

As the various parts of the City Works have been fully described in previous reports, it is unnecessary to repeat that description here, a simple statement of those dimensions which measure their useful capacity, being all that is required for a comparison between their effective value and cost. The dimensions and capacity essential for this purpose, are those of the retort-house, the purifying apparatus, the station meters, and the gas-holders. The first two constitute the factory proper, and the last are indispensable adjuncts.

Beside these are various other parts, not absolutely necessary, but highly important as auxiliaries, which add to the value and economy of the results. In First Ward, the cubic dimensions of the retort-house are 550,000 feet, containing two benches, in each of which are twenty-four beds of large retorts, from which has been obtained 25,000 cubic feet of gas per day per bed, making 600,000 to the bench, or 1,200,000 per day if all were in operation. The daily capacity is taken at 1,000,000 cubic feet.

The purifying apparatus is in a building whose cubical content is 200,000 feet. There are twelve dry lime boxes, whose joint area is 1,500 square feet, giving, with three layers of lime, 4,500 feet of lime surface; and eight wet lime cylinders, with 1,300 feet of cubic capacity.

As it is known from practical experience, that with gas from good coals of average purity, each square foot of lime surface contained in the ordinary quadruple series of dry lime boxes, will suffice for the purification of ten cubic feet per hour, the capacity of the above is equal to 45,000 feet of gas per hour, or 1,080,000 feet per day.

The wet lime cylinders add considerably to the efficiency of the apparatus, but as this addition is not more than is often needed by the occasional increased impurity of coals, the safe practical limit to their entire capacity is 1,000,000 feet per day.

The gas-holder is little over 160 feet in outer diameter, and 94 feet total height of the two sections, containing 1,800,000 cubic feet: the sum of daily make and storage being 2,800,000 cubic feet. The entire cost of these structures, completed and in operation, including workshops and other out-buildings, and all incidentals, and the repairs of damages by storms and accidents, has been \$390,064.45, which is equal to 13⁹/₁₀ cent per cubic foot of the joint amount of daily manufacturing capacity and storage.

The remaining parts of the new works now to be described, are not absolutely necessary for carrying on gas making operations, as are the foregoing, but, as before stated, they are important auxiliaries, some of which should be provided in every well managed establishment, and all highly useful at the First Ward station. They comprise the coal stores and their railways and machinery; the wharves for landing coals and other materials; the pumping machinery and water pipes, for raising and distributing this important element over the entire premises; the pneumatic exhausters, the lime kiln and the large tanks for storage of tar; cars and carts and tools of various kinds, and the fencing and grading and sewerage of the property.

In proof of the usefulness of some of these improvements, there is no need of argument; the wharves and the water works are almost indispensable, for without them there would exist embarrassments well nigh insurmountable. The coals, if not stored under cover, would be saturated in winter with water and ice, whereby much of the best parts of the gas would be destroyed.

To avoid this serious loss, storehouses of great extent have been provided at both the old and the new works, sufficient to store the entire winter's supply of coals; the whole area of roofing being nearly three acres. At the old works, the original arrangements were made without any adequate knowledge of the

vast magnitude they were to reach, and the coal stores have consequently been driven so far off as to be very inconvenient; the coals have to be carted into them, and trimmed by hand, and, when wanted for use, must be again loaded into carts and hauled a quarter of a mile to the retort-house, where they are once more shoveled into charging trucks, before weighing.

At the new works, the plans are laid out so that whatever the magnitude within any reasonable probability, the coal stores may be located close to the retort-houses; the coals loaded in iron cars, being raised by a hydraulic hoister to a railway at the top of the store, from which they drop into a self-trimmed pile, filling the store completely to the roof. An important saving of expense arises from thus avoiding all intermediate handlings of the coal after it has been delivered into cars upon the wharf, and all carting to and from the stores: the latter being so near the retort-house, as to allow the charging trucks to be run directly to the coal pile.

As the use and advantages of the pneumatic exhausters have been described in a former report, nothing need be added respecting them, further than to state, that they perform quite satisfactorily their intended function of saving a considerable quantity of gas that would be lost by leakage, and carbonaceous deposit in the retorts. On several occasions, when the exhausters have been stopped for adjustment and repair, opportunities have been afforded to test their efficiency in these respects. The making and transmission of gas has proceeded without interruption on these occasions, but the yield of gas from the coals was perceptibly diminished. The cost of all these portions of the works, with all incidentals, and also including the sums expended in repairing and fitting up old tenements for the accommodation of eight families, has been \$129,108 80. Adding this to the amount before stated, as the cost of the factory and gas-holder, shows the entire cost of all the improvements at the First Ward Works, to be \$519,173 25, which is equal to

18½ cents per foot of their combined capacity of maximum daily make and store-room.

Several of the items of these expenditures belong as much to the future extension of these works as to the present; to this class belong the wharves, the water machinery and pipes, the grading, and the sewerage; but as their completion at this time was important and almost necessary, their cost is properly chargeable to the existing works.

Measuring, in like manner, the several parts of the Northern Liberties Gas Works, as existing when the inventory was furnished for the Committee of Councils, we find the cubic dimensions of their retort houses to be 130,000 feet, or a little more than one-fourth those of the First Ward, containing 29 beds, capable of making 10,000 feet of gas each per day, or 290,000 feet if all were in action. The purifying apparatus is in a building of 25,000 cubic feet content, and consists of four dry lime boxes, whose joint area is $241\frac{1}{2}$ square feet, giving, with three layers of lime, $724\frac{1}{2}$ feet of lime surface, which, at the usual allowance of ten feet of gas per hour for each square foot of lime surface, is competent to purify as a maximum, 7,245 feet per hour, or 174,000 cubic feet per day, if coals of good quality were used. With impure coals the quantity that could be properly purified must be much less.

Of the number or size of station meters, no account is given in the inventory; but it may be supposed that these, and the workshops and other outbuildings, are suitably proportioned to the parts described.

For the capacity of the factory, the limit in practice will be found in the extent of the purifiers, for no well managed works will venture for any time to send out more gas than can be purified, as such wholesale poisoning would subject the parties to several legal penalties.

But for a computation of *cost*, a quantity representing the mean of the capacity of retorts and purifiers

might be admissable. In the present case, that would be a mean between 290,000 cubic feet and 174,000, which is equal to 234,000 cubic feet. As, however, in the interviews for negotiating the sale of their works, the Trustees claimed for them a capacity for making 300,000 feet per day, that quantity has been admitted into the comparison. Their gas-holders are shown by the statement of their dimensions in the inventory, to contain 340,000 cubic feet; making the joint amount of the capacity for make and storage 640,000 cubic feet. The cost of which, as stated in their previous annual report, was \$161,396.19, or 25 cents per foot.

From the foregoing statements are derived the following comparative results:

The works in First Ward, without the extraordinary structures and preparations for future extensions, have cost, per cubic foot of joint capacity for making and storing gas, not quite 14 cents; with all these added, 18½ cents.

The Northern Liberties Works, with insufficient means for purification, cost 25 cents.

It has been stated that, since the publication of the report of the Committee of Councils, the Trustees of the Northern Liberties Gas Works claim to have, at this time, a capacity for making 400,000 feet of gas per day. Should there have been such addition to their apparatus as will give this capacity, there must have been an increase of expenditure, which will be shown in their next annual report, and will give a ratio of costs and capacity not differing materially from that above shown.

The older City Works, of Ninth and Fifteenth Ward Stations, comprise four retort-houses, of which the united capacity for making gas, as found by actual working, is equal to 1,700,000 cubic feet per day.

The cubic content of the purifying houses is 300,000 feet, containing 28 dry lime boxes, with an aggregate

lime surface of 14,000 square feet; sufficing, at the ratio of 10 feet of gas per hour for each foot of lime surface, for purifying 140,000 cubic feet per hour, or 3,360,000 feet per day. Their united storage room is 2,200,000 cubic feet. Leaving out of the account the superabundant purifying surface, there remains a joint capacity of storage and daily make equal to 3,900,000 cubic feet, at a cost of \$834,623.12, or $21\frac{1}{2}$ cents per foot, which sums, added to those representing the First Ward Works, makes a total joint capacity of 6,700,000 feet at all the stations; the whole expenditure on which has been \$1,353,796.37 or $20\frac{1}{2}$ cents per cubic foot.

Should the effective capacity of manufacture be rated according to the ability to furnish *pure* gas, it will be perceived that the City Works, claiming $10\frac{1}{2}$ times the capacity, with a cost $8\frac{1}{2}$ times that of the others, have, in this most important respect, over 25 times their effective capacity.

In the outside departments of street mains, and services and meters, the comparison can be made in brief space, the details being given at large in the several reports.

In the City Works, the aggregate weight of street mains is 13,115 tons, their whole cubic content being 185,500 cubic feet, which is equal to 2,115,000 lineal feet of four inch pipe. The cost of these mains has been \$824,088.09, which is equal to \$62.92 per ton, or \$4.45 per cubic foot of content, or about 40 cents per lineal foot, if reduced to four inch.

The meters set have an aggregate capacity of 150,911 lights, being equal to 15,091 ten-light meters, and have cost \$277,410.60 when set, or at the rate \$18.50 for a ten-light meter.

The number of services introduced is 25,180. averaging about $\frac{7}{8}$ inch; their cost has been \$221,801.09 or \$8.80 a piece. In the Northern Liberties, the street mains reported in their inventory, had an aggregate weight of 742 tons; their whole cubic content being 6,840 cubic feet, which is equal to nearly 78,000 feet

of four inch pipe. Their cost was \$53,123.15, or at the rate of \$71.50 per ton, or \$7.76 per cubic foot of content, or 68 cents per lineal foot reduced to four inch.

The meters reported were of an aggregate capacity of 10,111 lights, equivalent to 1,011 ten-light meters, and cost \$27,341 22 when set, or at the rate of \$27 06 for a ten-light meter.

The number of services introduced was 2,427, averaging about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch; their cost was \$33,307 50, or \$13 72 a piece.

As figures properly applied generally tell their own story, there is no need of adding argument to mathematical demonstration. From the foregoing figures, it will be perceived that if the works and pipes of the Northern Liberties Gas Company have been constructed with due regard to economy, a proposition which is not denied, the same claim cannot be denied to the City Works, in which a much greater effective capacity and quantity of material has been obtained with less than a corresponding increase of expenditure.

In the First Ward the cost of construction was considerably increased by the want of suitable residences for the workmen, within convenient distance, and the same difficulty still exists. Only a few families can yet be accommodated near the works, and the men employed must, consequently, lose much time in going to and from their work, or must be conveyed at the expense of the Gas Works.

Annexed are the usual tabulated statistics, exhibiting the history of the establishment for each year since its foundation.

Respectfully,

JOHN C. CRESSON,
Engineer.

PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS,
January 1858.

REPORT OF THE CASHIER.

To the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works :

GENTLEMEN :—In submitting the statements connected with the financial department of the Gas Works, the Cashier has the pleasure of congratulating the Trustees on the prosperous result of the operations of the past year.

By the tables herewith appended, it will be shown that the receipts from the sales of gas, coke, tar, lime, and other materials, rents, &c., have amounted, in cash and warrants on the City Treasurer, to \$1,014,492 52, and that the profit realized from these sales, and charged to their respective accounts, as required by the several ordinances of Councils under which the Trust acts, has been :

Amount carried to the Contingent Fund	\$6,049 24
Increase of the suspended debt,	6,292 13
Interest on Gas Loans, paid to the loan-holders at this office,	80,950 00
Interest on Gas Loan, paid to the City Treasurer,	27,222 00
Appropriated to the Sinking Fund,	53,124 00
Eight per cent. on \$450,000 paid to the City Treasurer, for the redemption of so much of the City debt, &c.,	36,000 00
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	\$209,637 37

The reports of the President and Engineer are so comprehensive, that any further detail on my part would be but a recapitulation of their statements. It is much to be regretted that the want of capital pre-

vents us from furnishing service pipes and meters to those who wish to introduce gas agreeably to the published "Terms" of the Trustees. Hundreds of our citizens are awaiting some action of Councils, by which this capital can be provided. When we consider the profit to be derived from additional custom; that the principal and interest of any loan for the purpose will be realized from such profit, and will in no way be a burthen to the City, but, on the contrary, be additional wealth to come into its possession when the loans are paid off; we must hope that there will be no further delay in granting, in some shape, the funds required.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

WM. FENNEL, *Cashier.*

CASH ACCOUNT.

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Balance, January 1st, 1857,	\$68,140 62
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RECEIPTS IN 1857.

For sales of gas received at this office,	\$757,960 89	
For sales of gas received at Spring Garden,	134,962 80	
For sales of gas received at Frankford,	6,119 71	
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For sales of coke, tar, &c., received at this office,	40,290 40	
For sales of coke, tar, &c., received at Spring Garden,	11,454 25	
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For rents at Frankford,		265 00
City warrants,		64 01
Interest on Loan 9, held for Sinking Fund,		8,520 00
Interest on City Loans, held for Sinking Fund,		2,918 00
Sales of Loan 9,		56,100 00
Certificates of City loans, paid,		2,200 00
Temporary loans,		310,000 00
Main pipes, service pipes, and meters at this office,	\$16,616 82	
Main pipes, service pipes, and meters at Spring Garden,	8,468 54	
Main pipes, service pipes, and meters at Frankford,	305 40	
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		\$1,424,386 44

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Payments in 1857.

For the construction and enlargement of the works,	\$62,976 58
Extension of the street mains,	17,469 82
Service pipes and meters,	61,037 87
Coal and other materials used in the manufacture of gas, wages of workmen, &c.,	594,067 34
Repairs of the works, street mains, &c.,	112,677 57
Incidental expenses,	92,733 90
Salaries of the Engineer, Cashier, and Registrar,	7,124 98
Temporary Loans,	288,711 15
Interest on temporary Loans,	3,423 33
Discount on warrants on City Treasurer,	2,723 41
Discount on Sale of Loan 9,	32 35
Interest on Loans,	49,545 10
Investments for the Sinking Fund,	32,719 42
City Treasurer, for interest on amount issued of Loan 9,	\$27,222 00
Eight per cent. on \$450,000, as directed per Ordinance of March 20, 1855,	36,000 00
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Balance on hand,	63,222 00
	35,921 62
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	\$1,424,386 44

STATE OF THE WORKS, JANUARY 1, 1858.

Assets.

Works,	\$1,177,796 37
Street mains,	654,088 09
Service pipes and meters,	395,211 69
Public lamps,	11,814 02
Cash,	35,921 62
Suspended debt,	17,342 01
Stocks belonging to the Sinking Fund,	735,961 05
Coal on hand,	136,582 70
Coke on hand,	10,405 28
Rosin on hand,	3,062 40
Wood on hand,	100 00
Materials for repairs,	10,000 00
Due for gas sold, delivered, and on hand,	153,494 40
Due for coke, tar, &c.,	7,000 00
Interest on City Loans, due January 1, 1858,	1,554 00
Wharf lot on the Schuylkill,	6,000 00
Site of the new works,	36,957 69
Spring Garden Gas Works,	300,000 00
Moyamensing do.	80,000 00
West Philadelphia do.	50,000 00
Frankford do.	20,000 00
Stocks belonging to the Sinking Fund, in the hands of the City Treasurer, as per ordinance of March 20, 1855,	29,328 00
City warrants,	63,375 46
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	\$3,935,994 78

LIABILITIES.

Loans 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8,	\$1,370,000 00	
Loan 9,	466,300 00	
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Dividends unpaid,		405 00
Interest on gas loans, including that due January 1, 1858,		30,054 35
For coals, repairs, and materials used in the manufacture of gas,		232,117 86
Sinking Fund,		890,920 70
Sinking Fund, for the redemption, &c.,		29,328 00
Contingent Fund,		384,526 86
Profit and loss, (amount of suspended debt,)		17,342 01
City of Philadelphia, for works taken, as per ordinance of March 20, 1855,		450,000 00
Temporary loans,		65,000 00
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		\$3,935,994 78

STATEMENT OF THE SINKING FUND.

1857.

January 1.	Amount of the Sinking Fund,	\$797,290 70
June 30.	6 months' interest on \$402,800, gas loans, at 6 per cent.,	12,084 00
	6 months' interest on \$93,900, gas loans, at 5 per cent.,	2,347 50
	6 months' interest on \$9,300, city loans, at 6 per cent.,	279 00
	6 months' interest on \$51,000, city loans, at 5 per cent.,	1,275 00
	6 months' interest on \$142,000, the amount taken for this Fund in the 6 per cent. gas loan, No. 9, issued by the City Treasurer,	4,260 00
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	Amount carried forward,	\$817,536 20

1857.	Amount brought forward,	\$817,536 20
June 30.	6 months' appropriation of 2 per cent. per annum, on \$475,000, Loans 1, 2 and 3,	4,750 00
	3 per cent. per annum on \$125,000, Loan 4,	1,875 00
	4 per cent. per annum on \$770,000, Loans 5, 6, 7 and 8,	15,400 00
	2 per cent. per annum on \$441,100, Loan 9,	4,411 00
Dec. 31.	6 months' interest on \$403,100, gas loans, at 6 per cent.,	12,093 00
	6 months' interest on \$93,900, gas loans, at 5 per cent.,	2,347 50
	6 months' interest on \$10,300, City loans, at 6 per cent.,	309 00
	6 months' interest on \$49,800, City loans, at 5 per cent.,	1,245 00
	6 months' interest on \$142,200, the amount taken for this Fund, in the 6 per cent. gas loan, No. 9, issued by the City Treasurer,	4,266 00
	6 months' appropriation of 2 per cent. per annum, on \$475,000, Loans 1, 2 and 3,	4,750 00
	3 per cent. per annum on \$125,000, Loan 4,	1,875 00
	4 per cent. per annum on \$770,000, Loans 5, 6, 7 and 8,	15,400 00
	2 per cent. per annum on \$466,300, Loan 9,	4,663 00
		<hr/> \$890,920 70

The amount invested is as follows :

1857.		
Jan'y 1.	Cost of investments at this date,	\$705,441 63
" 23.	Bought certificate of City six per cent. loan, for \$1,000, re- deemable in 1860, cost,	853 92
March 13.	Bought certificate of City five per cent. loan, redeemable in 1860, for \$5,000, cost,	4,437 50
" 27.	Bought certificate of five per cent. City loan, redeemable in 1865, for \$500	
	Certificate of six per cent.. City loan, redeemable in 1861, for 500	
	Certificate of five per cent. City loan, redeemable in 1860, for 500	
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	\$1,500 Cost,	1,345 00
March 31.	Bought certificate of City five per cent. loan, redeemable in 1862, for \$1,000, cost,	852 50
July 10.	Bought certificate of City six per cent. loan, redeemable in 1876, for \$1,000,	
	Certificate of six per cent. gas loan, redeemable in 1885, 200	
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	\$1,200 Cost,	1,083 00
Dec. 11.	Bought certificate of six per cent. gas loan, redeemable in 1863, \$200, cost,	185 50
	Bought certificate of six per cent. gas loan, redeemable in 1863, \$100, cost,	92 00
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	Amount carried forward,	\$714,291 05

1857.	Amount brought forward	\$714,291 05
Dec. 31.	Bought certificate of six per cent. City loan, re- deemable 1888, for	\$8,000
	“ 1864,	2,000
	“ 1886,	18,000
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		\$28,000 Cost 23,870 00
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		\$738,161 05
Jan. 23.	Received for certificate of City loan, which became due 1st inst.,	\$1,000
Jan. 10.	Received for certificate of City loan, which be- came due 1st inst.,	1,200
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		2,200 00
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		\$735,961 05
	Balance not invested,	154,959 65
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		\$890,920 70

STATEMENT OF THE SINKING FUND.

Directed to be accumulated and applied by the City Treasurer, as per ordinance of March 20th, 1855, for the redemption of \$450,000, the estimated value of the Spring Garden, Moyamensing, West Philadelphia, and Frankford Gas Works, placed in charge of the Trustees by said ordinance.

1857.

Jan'y 1.	Amount not invested	\$4,917 50
June 30.	Cash paid City Treasurer for said fund,	4,500 00
	Interest on City loans, held for said fund,	618 00
Dec. 31.	Cash paid City Treasurer for said fund,	4,500 00
	Interest on City loans, held for said fund,	810 00
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		\$15,345 50

Amount brought forward,		\$15,345 50
May 16.	By investment in City loans,	
	\$5,300, 6 per cents, cost	\$4,836 25
Nov. 2.	6,400 " " "	5,120 00
		<hr/> 9,956 25
Amount not invested,		<hr/> \$5,389 25
Aggregate of investments for this		
fund \$27,000, in certificates of		
six per cent. City loan, cost,		\$23,938 75
Balance not invested,		5,389 25
		<hr/> \$29,328 00

CITY AND GAS LOANS BELONGING TO THE SINKING FUND,
JANUARY 1, 1858.

Five per cent. loans :

Redeemable in 1858,	\$7,100
1859,	4,000
1860,	6,500
1861,	1,100
1862,	2,000
1865,	500
1867,	3,900
1870,	9,700
1871,	5,200
1872,	7,300
1873,	2,200
1874,	300
	<hr/> \$49,800 00

Amount brought forward,		\$49,800 00
Six per cent. City loans:		
Redeemable in 1861,	500	
1864,	2,000	
1876,	7,600	
1881,	600	
1886,	18,000	
1888,	8,300	
1889,	1,300	
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		38,300 00
Six per cent. Gas Loans:		
No. 1, redeemable in 1862,	11,200	
" 2, " 1863,	57,600	
" 3, " 1861,	32,100	
" 5, " 1868,	36,100	
" 6, " 1869,	14,100	
" 7, " 1870,	66,100	
" 8, " 1872,	185,900	
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		403,100 00
Five per cent. Gas Loan, No. 4, redeemable in 1866,		93,900 00
Six per cent. Gas Loan, No. 9, issued by the City Treasurer, redeemable in 1885,		142,200 00
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		727,300 00
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The cost of the above was,		\$735,961 05

STATEMENT OF THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 1857.

1857.

January 1.	Amount of stock of coals, &c. on hand and debts due to the works at this time,	\$279,310 63
Dec. 31.	Sales of gas in 1857,	962,482 87
	Sales of coke, lime, tar, &c.,	51,744 65
	Rents of house at Frankford,	265 00
	Stock of coal on hand,	136,582 70
	“ of coke,	10,405 28
	“ of rosin,	3,062 40
	“ of wood,	100 00
	“ of materials for repairs,	10,000 00
	Due for coke, lime, tar, &c.,	7,000 00
	Due for gas,	153,494 40
	Suspended debt,	17,342 01
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		\$1,631,789 94

January 1.	Amount of stock on hand, and debts due to the works at this time,	\$366,201 95
Dec. 31.	Payments for the manufacture of gas, coal, and other mate- rials and wages, including the cost of public lighting,	594,067 34
	Repairs of the works, street mains, meters, service pipes, &c.,	112,677 57
	Incidental charges, including salaries of officers, clerks,	99,858 88
	Interest on temporary Loans,	3,423 33
	Discount on City warrants sold,	2,723 41
	Discount on Loan 9.	32 35
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Amount carried forward, \$1,179,084 83

1857.	Amount brought forward,	\$1,179,084 83
Dec. 31.	Due for coals, repairs and materials, used in the manufacture of gas, and for the public lighting,	232,117 86
	Suspended debt, January 1st, 1857,	11,049 88
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		\$1,422,152 57
	Balance, being profits of the year,	209,637 37
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		\$1,631,789 94
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	Profits for the year 1857,	\$209,637 37

From the profits there have been the following appropriations:

For interest on Gas Loans, payable at the office of the Trustees,	\$80,950 00
For interest on Gas Loan 9, payable at the City Treasury,	27,222 00
For the Sinking Fund of all the Gas Loans, as directed by ordinances,	53,124 00
Eight per cent, on \$450,000 of City debt, paid to City Treasurer, per ordinance March 20, 1855,	36,000 00
Balance beyond the interest on Loans, City debt, and appropriation to the Sinking Fund,	12,341 37
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	\$209,637 37

Note.—The above balance of \$12,341 37

Less the sum of 6,292 13

Being the increase of the suspended debt during the year 1857, leaves the sum of	—————	\$6,049 24
for the increase of the Contingent Fund.		

STATEMENT OF THE CONTINGENT FUND FOR 1857.

Amount of the Fund, January, 1, 1857,	\$378,477 62
Increase during the year, as per the profit and loss account,	6,049 24
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	\$384,526 86

The amount raised under various ordinances for the construction and enlargement of the works, and for extraordinary repairs and renewals, and for working capital, has been to January 1st, 1858 :

Loans 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8,	\$1,370,000
Loan 9, sold,	466,300
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	\$1,836,300 00
City of Philadelphia for works, per ordinance of March 20, 1855,	450,000 00
Contingent Fund, derived from profits,	384,536 86
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	\$2,670,826 86

The amount expended has been :

Construction of works,	\$1,177,796 37
Street mains,	654,088 09
Service pipes and meters,	395,211 69
Public lamps,	11,814 02
Wharf lot on the Schuylkill,	6,000 00
Site of the new Gas Works,	36,957 69
Spring Garden,	300,000 00
Moyamensing,	80,000 00
West Philadelphia,	50,000 00
Frankford,	20,000 00
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	\$2,731,867 86

The liabilities of the works, January 1, 1858, are as follows :

Construction of the works, street mains, service pipes, and meters,	\$9,013 49
Coals, repairs, and materials used in the manufacture of gas,	232,117 86
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	\$241,131 35

1857. ENGINEER'S ACCOUNTS. 1857.

WORKS.		STREET MAINS.		SERVICES.	
	Dolls. C.		Dolls. C.		Dolls. C.
Wages of laborers and mechanics employed in erecting new works,	15,689 99	Wages of men employed in laying mains,	3,310 23	Wages of men engaged in laying pipes and setting and fitting up meters,	13,961 38
Castings,	14,958 16	Pipe,	10,157 16	Meters,	27,739 46
Lumber,	5,980 90	Paving,	2,036 81	Tubing,	7,152 64
Bricks,	2,987 65	Castings and Iron,	777 89	Stop-cocks,	5,013 21
Pumping Engines,	3,200 00	Lumber,	539 66	Paving,	1,940 34
Mason work and plastering,	2,644 88	Lead,	220 07	Meter covers,	1,851 32
Exhausters,	2,485 00	Ship Chandlery,	155 88	Lumber,	1,110 87
Telegraph,	2,078 40	Carting,	134 05	Lead pipe,	1,093 57
Coal Wagons,	2,013 21	Shovels,	96 95	Hardware,	
Carting,	1,882 86	Pick Hauls,	26 06	nails & iron,	327 18
Wharf,	1,350 00	Turning,	15 06	Tin & copper,	195 20
Hose,	1,327 96			Meters paid for and returned,	168 77
Paints, Oils, &c.,	1,193 00			Bricks,	149 31
Iron,	935 58			Pumps and hose,	92 55
Pumps and Valves,	855 75			Lead,	84 37
Stone,	854 50			Whitelead,	42 87
Hardware,	589 62			Carting,	41 25
Roofing,	471 30			Fittings,	38 11
Meters,	244 00			Meter piers,	18 00
Turbine Wheels,	220 00			Taps & dies,	17 47
Stop-Cocks,	204 00				
Lime,	145 40				
Office Instruments,	119 25				
Gas Fixtures,	119 00				
Leather,	89 32				
Plumber's work,	64 96				
Pressure Registers,	55 00				
Tin and Smith work,	49 41				
Rope,	42 45				
Measuring Stone,	35 52				
Wagon,	30 00				
Glass,	26 18				
Cement,	19 88				
Grindstone,	15 45				
Total,	62,976 58	Total,	17,469 82	Total,	61,037 87

1857.

ENGINEER'S ACCOUNTS.

1857.

GAS.		REPAIRS.		INCIDENTALS.	
	Dolls. C.		Dolls. C.		Dolls. C.
Wages of stokers and men employed in retort houses and purifying houses, manufacturing gas, and wheeling coke, coals, &c.,	111,345 44	Wages of mechanics and laborers engaged in repairs of works, street mains and services,	32,414 67	Wages of clerks, men employed in inspection of fittings and meters, and taking statements for bills, storing coals & coke at works, measuring coke, tar, &c., and attending the public lamps,	104,666 45
Coals,	349,960 96	Castings,	47,350 20	Fluid, filling and trimming public lamps,	13,709 61
Gas burnt,	43,478 91	Bricks and tiles,	10,799 72	Carting,	5,237 61
Freight,	11,766 86	Lumber & carpentry,	4,195 10	Rents, water and taxes,	4,686 51
Carting, towing, and hoisting,	11,053 08	Meters,	3,457 82	Lamps and posts,	3,893 67
Wood,	6,003 91	Lanterns & repairs,	2,190 47	Printing and stationery,	2,773 11
Oyster shells,	4,017 62	Carting,	1,651 67	Alcohol,	2,274 96
Lime,	182 15	Iron and nails,	1,510 41	Horse keep and hire,	1,960 67
		Hardware and tools,	1,135 64	Paint glauerns,	1,119 35
		Paints, oils and chemicals,	1,112 88	Carriage hire, &c. for Board and Councils,	987 39
		Barrows and trucks,	1,002 24	Paints, oils and chemicals,	850 11
		Wheelwright work,	874 19	Barrels,	432 25
		Pumps and hose,	852 92	Hardware & tin work,	369 51
		Gas holders,	790 00	Subscription and advertising,	321 50
		Brooms and brushes,	685 67	Prof. services,	319 47
		Stop-cocks & tubing,	610 15	Ship chandlery and groceries,	319 30
		Barrels, buckets and baskets,	556 71	Matches for public lamps,	326 20
		Tin and copper work,	473 80	Bituminous coal,	303 52
		Harness, leather and belting,	464 39	Heaters,	261 20
		Glazing and roofing,	392 97	Plumbing in lamp department,	108 00
		Wharf,	365 79	Reports, lighting	96 00
		Ship chandlery and canvas,	325 35	Brushes,	65 12
		Meter covers,	309 19	Gas fixtures,	38 12
		Mica, clay and sand,	307 08	Ice,	18 67
		Paving in lamp department,	306 12	Straw,	10 00
		Furniture & heaters,	304 84	Sundries,	908 58
		Machine work,	292 79		
		Rubber goods and paving,	261 54		
		Masonry & materials,	258 45		
		Burner covers and cleaners,	191 70		
		Scales and lamps,	168 25		
		Drawing and trunk boards,	49 66		
		Cotton waste,	40 64		
Total,	537,808 91	Total,	115,613 02	Total,	146,056 88

CITY REGISTRY.

DATE.	APPLICATIONS.	REMOVALS AND DISCONTINUANCES.	PRIVATE LIGHTS.		PUBLIC LIGHTS.		
1857.			Added.	Total.	Streets.	Market Houses.	Squares.
To Jan'y 1st,	53,054	28,845	130,966	315,441	3,272	76	85
January, -	352	295	3,103	318,544	8		
February, -	312	269	931	319,475	0		
March, - -	465	405	1,238	320,713	1		
April, - -	560	497	1,308	322,021	22		
May, - - -	487	428	1,182	323,203	1		
June, - - -	452	379	1,311	324,514	0		
July, - - -	369	327	894	325,408	0		
August, - -	415	360	1,177	326,585	0		
September, -	606	515	1,860	328,445	12		
October, - -	539	446	1,539	329,984	5		
November, -	492	424	1,225	331,209	19		
December, -	455	399	1,278	332,487	0		
Total, - - -	5,504	4,744	17,046		68		
Brought down,	53,054	28,845	130,966		3,272	76	85
Grand Total,	58,558	33,589	148,012	332,487	3,340	76	85

NOTE.—An error in two of the outer wards, prior to consolidation, was corrected during the past year by the inspectors' census, and is set right in the headings of the table.

DATE.	METERS SET.										PUBLIC LAMPS	
	SERVICES LAID.										On Posts.	On Walls. Market Houses.
1857.		3 Light.	5 Light.	10 Light.	20 Light.	30 Light.	45 Light.	60 Light.	100 Light.	150 Light.	500 Light.	
To January 1st,	24,446	12,368	7,867	2,883	864	195	110	41	63	1	42,593	255
January,	62	24	16	12	8	1	0	1	0		8	
February,	48	15	17	12	3	1	0	0	0		0	
March,	68	19	18	16	13	2	0	0	0		1	
April,	63	21	16	15	7	0	3	1	0		22	
May,	56	13	17	18	6	1	1	0	0		1	
June,	70	12	25	17	13	2	1	0	0		0	
July,	40	12	15	9	4	0	1	0	0		0	
August,	53	15	17	13	8	0	0	0	0		0	
September,	88	28	27	22	8	3	0	0	0		11	1
October,	88	30	21	21	11	1	3	0	1		5	
November,	42	6	17	12	7	0	0	0	0		19	
December,	56	14	14	17	7	1	0	0	2		0	
Total, Brought down,	734	209	220	184	95	12	9	2	3		67	1
	24,446	12,368	7,867	2,883	864	195	110	41	63	1	42,593	255
Grand Total,	25,180	12,577	8,087	3,067	959	207	119	43	66	1	42,660	256

DATE.	MAIN PIPE LAID IN STREETS, LINEAL FEET.									
	1½ inch.	2 inch.	3 inch.	4 inch.	6 inch.	8 inch.	10 inch.	12 inch.	16 inch.	20 inch.
1857.										
To January 1st,		1,956	19,941	16,596	7,286	3,834	5			504
January,										
February,										
March,						34				
April,		33								
May,										
June,			358	250						
July,		102	153		117					
August,			207							
September,			441							
October,			269							
November,			218	39						
December,		228	108	36						
Total,		363	1,844	325	117	34				2,683

REPAIRS OF SERVICES.

1857.	STOP-CKOCKS RENEWED.	NEW COVERS FOR STOP-CKOCK BOXES.	SERVICES RE- NEWED.	NEW STOP- CKOCK BOXES.
January,		8		5
February,	8	5	1	4
March,	8	9	1	73
April,	21	87	2	337
May,	11	61	4	94
June,	11	30	8	56
July,	13	34	5	104
August,	6	68	7	47
September,	11	12	5	62
October,	9		4	23
November,		17	4	31
December,	6	12	4	16
Total,	104	343	45	852

STATEMENT OF GAS

Paid for in each month of the year, made in the First, Ninth and Fifteenth Wards, being the amount of bills as per meters to the first of the month.

1857.	Feet of Gas consumed at private houses.	Public Lamps	Supplied to Southwark Gas Co.	SUPPLIED BY S. GARDEN GAS WORKS.			Total.
				Supplied to German-town Gas Company.	Feet of Gas consumed at private houses.	Public Lamps.	
Jan.,	28,217,100		5,982,000	1,723,000	6,718,600		42,640,700
Feb.,	30,726,100				7,449,400		38,175,500
March,	32,435,900				6,978,100		39,414,000
April,	25,348,200		6,097,900		5,749,100		37,195,200
May,	22,188,600			3,117,000	5,374,500		30,680,100
June,	24,118,800				4,958,500		29,076,800
July,	15,732,700		3,906,200	1,694,000	3,729,400		25,062,300
Aug.,	12,171,900				3,359,800		15,531,700
Sept.,	13,962,200				2,707,400		16,669,600
Oct.,	14,654,000		4,283,200	1,680,000	3,213,600		23,830,800
Nov.,	18,313,600				4,865,800		23,179,400
Dec.,	25,299,600	60,196,809			5,857,000	24,115,675	115,469,084
Total.	263,168,700	60,196,809	20,269,300	8,214,000	60,960,700	24,115,675	436,925,184
Inventory of stock of gas delivered and on hand—							3,574,515
Spring Garden, Jan. 1, 1858, 15,203,200			City, January 1, 1858,			61,544,000	
" " Jan. 1, 1857, 14,136,200			" January 1, 1857,			66,185,515	
1,067,000			Decrease,			4,641,515	433,350,669

ANNUAL REGISTRY OF CONSUMERS, AND PRIVATE
AND PUBLIC LIGHTS.

DATE. To Decem- ber 31st.	APPLICA- TIONS.	REMOVALS AND DISCON- TINUANCES.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CONSUMERS.	PRIVATE LIGHTS.		PUBLIC LIGHTS.			
				Added.	Total.	Streets.	Market houses.	Squares.	Total.
1836,	301	24	277	2,952	2,952	165			165
1837,	497	108	666	3,862	6,814	136			301
1838,	849	174	1,341	4,288	11,102	133		62	496
1839,	946	300	1,987	5,380	16,482	162	18		676
1840,	788	382	2,393	3,317	19,799	112	1		789
1841,	874	493	2,774	4,387	24,186	13	8		810
1842,	845	541	3,078	3,054	27,240	30			840
1843,	986	635	3,429	3,418	30,658	59			899
1844,	1,000	503	3,926	4,940	35,598	195			1,094
1845,	1,147	629	4,444	5,754	41,352	112			1,206
1846,	1,465	717	5,192	8,138	49,490	96			1,302
1847,	1,869	887	6,174	12,987	62,477	84	10		1,396
1848,	1,956	1,002	7,128	13,935	76,412	21			1,417
1849,	2,191	1,180	8,139	18,050	94,462	74			1,491
1850,	2,227	1,150	9,216	20,542	115,004	72			1,576
1851,	2,529	1,339	10,406	21,616	136,620	124			1,700
1852,	3,004	1,747	11,663	20,550	157,170	118			1,818
1853,	3,280	1,954	12,989	25,432	182,602	87		23	1,928
1854,	2,884	1,969	13,904	18,127	200,729	27			1,955
1855,	17,479	8,485	22,898	82,487	283,216	1,368	26		3,349
1856,	5,937	4,626	25,544	32,225	315,441	84			3,433
1857,	5,504	4,744	26,304	17,046	332,487	68			3,501
Total,	58,558	33,589		332,487		3,340	76	85	

STATEMENT OF METERS SET EACH YEAR.

DATE. To Dec- 31st.	METERS SET										
	SERVICES LAID.	3 light.	5 light.	10 light.	20 light.	30 light.	45 light.	60 light.	100 light.	150 light.	500 light.
1836,	251	108	98	31	9	2	3				
1837,	411	301	77	19	6	2	3		3		
1838,	690	442	159	61	13	9	2	1	3		
1839,	649	421	118	75	26	6	3				
1840,	350	198	78	54	13	3	2		2		
1841,	375	203	93	63	14	2					
1842,	299	157	76	57	6	3					
1843,	348	180	110	50	7	1					
1844,	503	292	129	72	5	3	1		1		
1845,	523	311	151	49	7	4		1			
1846,	761	390	237	113	14	4	2	1			
1847,	999	481	300	202	12	1	3				
1848,	971	408	333	196	25	4	3	1	1		
1849,	1,029	360	366	234	40	7	5	2	3		
1850,	1,079	435	412	165	50	8	3	3	3		
1851,	1,211	534	373	204	70	15	4	2	3		
1852,	1,261	638	334	200	60	18	7	3	1		
1853,	1,364	688	360	167	92	23	12	6	15	1	
1854,	939	470	207	127	80	29	14	2	1		
1855,	8,110	4,290	3,158	368	150	28	28	11	23		
1856,	2,325	1,055	698	375	144	23	15	8	4		4
1857,	734	209	220	184	95	12	9	2	3		
Total,	25,180	12,577	8,087	3,067	959	207	119	43	66	1	4

LENGTH OF MAINS LAID IN STREETS EACH YEAR, IN LINEAL FEET.

DATE.	1½ inch.	2 inch.	3 inch.	4 inch.	6 inch.	8 inch.	10 inch.	12 inch.	16 inch.	20 inch.	Total.
1886,		2,310	15,951	10,184	4,018						41,003
1887,		3,468	13,068	4,302	6,984		9,140				27,822
1888,		150	15,660	14,409	9,036		27	10,881			52,603
1889,		1,704	11,629	11,997	4,419	3,726					33,475
1890,		222	1,674	576	261						2,783
1891,		204	8,874	7,137	27						16,242
1892,		324	6,831	3,483	360	774					11,772
1893,		966	32,796	16,767	1,395	1,053					52,977
1894,		30,696	38,655	23,555	2,358	3,663	891				99,818
1895,	426	3,240	9,360	4,725	837						18,588
1896,		10,734	9,855	8,442	878	2,070					31,479
1897,		4,164	6,660	2,808	900	135					14,667
1898,		1,734	7,578	3,897	1,458	477					15,144
1899,		9,690	9,117	5,724	2,934	13,284	4,266	2,619	8,073	495	56,202
1890,		6,666	9,513	6,345	2,718						25,242
1891,		11,901	18,441	10,755	720	324					42,141
1892,		18,864	19,710	14,958		1,359					61,758
1893,		7,152	3,744	3,780	414				720	6,867	23,067
1894,		678	1,026	828							2,532
1895,		3,271	202,958	173,289	36,378	16,997	3,151	8,276		8,014	452,334
1896,		1,956	19,941	16,596	7,286	3,834	5			504	50,122
1897,		363	1,844	325	117	34					2,683
Total,	426	120,457	464,885	344,882	82,998	47,730	17,480	21,776	11,133	23,137	1,134,904

STATEMENT OF GAS DELIVERED TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIGHTS TO DECEMBER 31, IN EACH YEAR,
BY THE WORKS IN THE FIRST AND NINTH WARDS.

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STATEMENT OF GAS

Made at all the Works managed under the Trust, and of that Delivered to Public and Private Lights, from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1857.

YEAR.	Made at Works in First, Ninth, and Fifteenth Wards.	GAS DELIVERED TO				Used at the Works and Offices of Trust; lost by leakage, &c.
		Public Lights.	Private Lights.	Southwark Gas Co.	German-town Gas Co.	
1856.	434,742,000	80,935,200	304,961,250	18,992,500		29,853,050
1857.	469,067,000	84,312,484	318,928,400	20,860,000	7,962,000	37,004,116
Made in Previous Years,	2,294,315,400	The amount charged in 7th column belongs, viz :				
		To First and Ninth Ward Works, 15,472,791				
		To Fifteenth Ward Works, 21,531,325				
Total, -	3,198,154,400					37,004,116

NUMBER OF LAMPS UNDER THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LIGHTING, JANUARY, 1858.

	GAS.	FLUID.
*City,	1,951	0
*Moyamensing,	235	76
*Spring Garden,	889	213
*West Philadelphia,	283	0
*Nicetown Pike,	10	0
†Northern Liberties,	386	29
†Kensington,	387	169
†Richmond,	60	197
‡Southwark,	267	168
‡Germantown,	175	5
§Manayunk,	70	4
†Frankford.	57	0
	4,770	861
	861	
Total,	5,631	

* Supplied with gas directly from the City Works.

† Gas from Northern Liberties Works.

‡ Gas from City Works, supplied through pipes of private Companies.

§ Gas from Manayunk Gas Company.

A COMPLETE LIST
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS,
FROM THE COMMENCEMENT,
IN THE ORDER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Elections by Select Council, March 26th, 1835.

Benjamin W. Richards,	}	for one year.
John R. Latimer,		
A. D. Bache,	}	for two years.
W. H. Keating,		
J. P. Wetherill,	}	for three years.
H. M. Zollickoffer,		

Elections by Common Council.

John Farr,	}	for one year.
R. M. Huston,		
Frederick Fraley,	}	for two years.
Ephraim Haines,		
M. W. Baldwin,	}	for three years.
Thomas Cave,		

B. W. RICHARDS, *President.*

SAMUEL V. MERRICK, *Engineer.*

BENJAMIN MATTHIAS, *Secretary.*

B. W. Richards resigned the Presidency, June 20th, 1835.

Dr. R. M. Huston, elected President, July 10th, 1835.

Dr. J. K. Mitchell, elected July 9th, 1835, in place of B. W. Richards, resigned.

John Siter, elected January 28th, 1836, in place of J. K. Mitchell, resigned.

Benjamin Matthias, Secretary, resigned, March, 1856.

Frederick Brown, elected January 19th, 1837, in place of A. D. Bache, whose term of service expired.

Samuel V. Merrick, Engineer, resigned, February, 1837.

Alexander Ferguson, elected November 23d, 1837, in place of Ephraim Haines, deceased.

John Wiegand, elected April 12th, 1838, in place of H. M. Zollickoffier, resigned.

A. D. Bache, elected September 27th, 1838, in place of John Siter, resigned.

George Handy, elected January 30th, 1839, in place of J. R. Latimer, resigned.

Thomas Cave, elected President in place of Dr. R. M. Huston, resigned, June 28th, 1839.

Charles Gilpin, elected January 14th, 1841, in place of W. H. Keating, deceased.

Thomas S. Smith, elected January 28th, 1841, in place of M. W. Baldwin, whose term of service expired.

G. H. Burgin, elected January 20th, 1842, in place of George Handy, whose term of service expired.

Isaac Myer, elected January 20th, 1842, in place of R. M. Huston, whose term of service expired.

Samuel Norris, elected January 19th, 1843, in place of Alexander Ferguson, whose term of service expired.

Isaac Barton, elected January 18th, 1844, in place of Thomas S. Smith, whose term of service expired.

John C. Davis, elected November 7th, 1844, in place of A. D. Bache, resigned.

Frederick Fraley, elected President in place of Thomas Cave, deceased, March 28th, 1845.

Joseph S. Lovering, elected April 10th, 1845, in place of Thomas Cave, deceased.

John Trucks, elected June 19th, 1845, in place of Charles Gilpin, resigned.

Jacob E. Hagert, elected January 29th, 1846, in place of Frederick Brown, whose term of service expired.

Frederick Brown, elected March 25th, 1846, in place of John Farr, deceased.

M. W. Baldwin, elected October 28th, 1847, in place of John Trucks, resigned.

John Agnew, elected December 23d, 1847, in place of J. E. Hagert, resigned.

William Morris, elected January 20th, 1848, in place of J. C. Davis, whose term of service expired.

John F. Gilpin, elected January 20th, 1848, in place of G. H. Burgin, whose term of service expired.

G. H. Burgin, elected April 6th, 1848, in place of J. S. Lovering, resigned.

John C. Davis, elected April 13th, 1848, in place of W. Morris, resigned.

James Traquair, elected January 18th, 1849, in place of Frederick Brown, resigned.

John Lindsay, elected December 20th, 1849, in place of J. P. Wetherill, resigned.

Lewis Cooper, elected December 20th, 1849, in place of J. C. Davis, resigned.

B. M. Feltwell, elected January 31st, 1850, in place of Isaac Barton, resigned.

E. Y. Farquhar, elected March 15th, 1850, in place of J. Lindsay, resigned.

John C. Davis, elected October 24th, 1850, in place of E. Y. Farquhar, resigned.

Charles Lennig, elected October 24th, 1850, in place of John Agnew, resigned.

Benjamin Gerhard, elected January 30th, 1851, in place of Isaac Myer, resigned.

E. A. Souder, elected January 29th, 1852, in place of M. W. Baldwin, resigned.

Samuel R. Brick, elected January 25th, 1855, in place of E. A. Souder, whose terms of service expired.

Wm. J. P. White, elected January 25th, 1855, in place of Charles Lennig, whose terms of service expired.

John Manuel, elected January 25th, 1855, in place of Samuel Norris, whose term of service expired.

Wm. G. Flanagan, elected January 25th, 1855, in place of Frederick Fraley, whose term of service expired.

John Wiegand, elected President, in place of Frederick Fraley, whose term of service expired.

Frederick Fraley, elected August 2d, 1855, in place of John Wiegand, resigned.

Paul J. Field, elected January 31st, 1856, in place of John C. Davis, whose term of service expired.

John M. Odenheimer, elected January 31st, 1856, in place of Benjamin M. Feltwell, whose term of service expired.

G. W. Biddle, elected January 26th, 1856, in place of W. G. Flanagan, resigned.

Anthony Miskey, elected January 29th, 1857, in place of John F. Gilpin, whose term of service expired.

Andrew C. Craig, elected January 29th, 1857, in place of James Traquair, whose term of service expired.

William M. Reilly, elected January 28th, 1858, in place of Samuel R. Brick, whose term of service expired.

Harry Connelly, elected January 28th, 1858, in place of W. J. P. White, whose term of service expired.

William B. Small, M. D., elected January 28th, 1858, in place of John Manuel, whose term of service expired.

Charles Leveret Wolff, elected January 28th, 1858, in place of George W. Biddle, whose term of service expired.

APPENDIX 93.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Gas report that they, on Friday, January 22d, 1858, examined the investments of the Sinking Fund of the Gas Works, and after having carefully compared the certificates, which are deposited in Bank, they found them correct. The Certificates bear on the face of them, “Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, in trust for the Sinking Fund,” and they amount to seven hundred and twenty-seven thousand three hundred dollars; annexed is a list of the loans and the years in which they are redeemable.

Respectfully submitted by
JOHN ALEXANDER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES VANHORN,
CALEB S. WRIGHT,
WM. BRADFORD,
STEPHEN BENTON,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
J. K. GAMBLE,
JOHN BROMLEY.

Jan. 22, 1858.

City and Gas Loans, belonging to the Sinking Fund,
January 1st, 1858.

Five per Cent. Loans redeem-

			able in	1857,	7,100
“	“	“	“	1859,	4,000
“	“	“	“	1860,	6,500
“	“	“	“	1861,	1,100
“	“	“	“	1862,	2,000
“	“	“	“	1865,	500
“	“	“	“	1867,	3,900
“	“	“	“	1870,	9,700
“	“	“	“	1871,	5,200
“	“	“	“	1872,	7,300
“	“	“	“	1873,	2,200
“	“	“	“	1874,	300

— \$49,800

Six per Cent. City Loans, re-					
		deemable in	1861,	500	
"	"	"	"	1864,	2,000
"	"	"	"	1876,	7,600
"	"	"	"	1881,	600
"	"	"	"	1886,	18,000
"	"	"	"	1888,	8,300
"	"	"	"	1889,	1,300
					<hr/>
					\$38,300 00
Six per Cent. Gas Loans,					
	No. 1,	redeemable in	1862,	11,200	
"	"	2,	"	1863,	57,600
"	"	3,	"	1861,	32,100
"	"	5,	"	1868,	36,100
"	"	6,	"	1869,	14,100
"	"	7,	"	1870,	66,100
"	"	8,	"	1872,	185,900
					<hr/>
					\$403,100 00
Five per Cent. Gas Loan, No. 4, redeemable in 1866,				93,900	00
Six	"	"	"	9, issued by the City	
Treasurer, redeemable in 1885,				142,200	00
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					\$727,300 00
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The cost of the above was					\$735,961 05

APPENDIX 94.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report,
That they made the necessary inquiries in relation to

the application of John K. Chadwick, asking that a certain property may be released from the lien of a judgment, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

John K. Chadwick is one of the sureties of William Bonsall, Register of Water, and having made arrangements to dispose of the property referred to in the application, is prevented from carrying out his intention by the judgment held against him by the City. The remaining properties belonging to him, and the other three signers of the Bond, being deemed adequate and sufficient; there is no objection, in the opinion of the Committee, to the release of this portion of his real estate, and the following resolution is accordingly submitted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
EDW. S. HANDY,
JOHN F. MASCHER.

Jan. 26, 1858.

RESOLUTION

To release certain property of John K. Chadwick, from the lien of a Judgment therein mentioned.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment entered on the judgment docket, October 31st, 1857, D. S. B. in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the Eastern District, January Term, 1858, number 112, wherein the City of Philadelphia as plaintiff, and William Bonsall, John K. Chadwick, John M. Melloy, and Dennis Collins are defendants. The following described property owned by John K. Chadwick, one of the said defendants, viz. a certain lot of ground on the west side of Sixth street, (com-

mencing $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet north of Diamond street) continued near where it intersects with the Germantown Turnpike Road in Penn Township (Twentieth Ward) containing in front or breadth on said Sixth street, thirty feet, and extending in length or depth on the north side thereof, two hundred and fifty-eight feet and five inches, and on the south side thereof, two hundred and eighty-six feet and six inches. *Provided*, that the other defendants in the said judgment consent thereto.

APPENDIX No. 95.

Read in Place by Mr. Boyer, February 4th, 1858 :

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Commissioner of Market Houses not to Rent Stalls in any Market to any but to actual occupants of the same ; and also authorizing him to rent such Stalls as are at present occupied by Farmers, free of expense.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That from and after the passage of this Ordinance, it shall not be lawful for the Commissioner of Market Houses to rent any Stall or Stalls to any person except to such persons who actually occupy and sell Meat or Produce on the same ; and also that such Stalls as are now occupied in our Market Houses by Farmers and others, without paying rent for the same, shall be rented as Stalls of such kind are and have been rented heretofore.

APPENDIX 96.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

TO HENRY T. KING, ESQ., *Chairman*:

In reply to the first interrogatory of the Committee of Councils, the Trustees beg to say, that, as the project for the purchase and consolidation of the outside gas works, did not originate with the Trustees, nor at their suggestion, or desire, they have not deemed it within their province to adopt any plan for the future management of them, previous to the decision of Councils upon the subject. When upon a former occasion Councils authorized the consolidation of the several works belonging to the City, it was judged best to continue them in separate operation for some time, in order to test the relative economy of the different factories, and the degree of gas-tightness of the pipes, and other apparatus. A careful collation of the result of this procedure for two years, shows that the cost of producing gas at the works in the First Ward, is less than at either of the others; thus indicating the propriety of concentrating the manufacture at that point, whenever it can be done without too largely sacrificing the investments already made at the other stations. To accomplish this with the least waste, it will be necessary to do it gradually, so that the outlay for new buildings and apparatus in the First Ward, may supercede the repairs and renewals which in a few years would be required for parts of the old works. If this be done judiciously, the expenditure of capital will be much reduced. As that part of the cost which would represent the superceded repairs, could be paid out of the current expenses of the works. Whether the same method of proceeding could be advantageously adopted with the works it is now proposed to buy, can only be determined after proper trial of their capacity and condition. Should the results be similar to those already obtained, the plan to be adopted should likewise be similar.

Should the entire manufacture of gas be transferred to the works in First Ward, these must be enlarged to keep pace with the increased demand upon them ; and when the transference shall have been completed, so much of the ground and buildings at the other stations as are used for manufacturing purposes, will be no longer required for this use. The gas holders at all the stations will be needed for local distribution, and others for the same purpose should be placed at several remote points. Experiments, made with care upon the capacity of the large main which forms the conduit between the old and new works, have shown it to be capable of conveying as much gas as will be required for some years, to supply the probable wants of the entire Consolidated City, and that such supply may be distributed with ease and certainty to points many miles distant.

With regard to the inquiry as to the "amount that will be required to alter, improve or enlarge" the works, it is proposed to buy, the Trustees are not in possession of such knowledge, either of their present condition or of the wants of the citizens in their vicinity, as is necessary to guide to a proper judgment on the case.

Should the consolidation of the several works, and equalization of the price of gas take place, there is reason for believing that there will be an immediate demand for its extension, from many quarters, of such an extent as will require a very large increase, both of street mains and of manufacturing capacity.

A careful examination and dissection of the accounts during the last seven years, has furnished the following replies to the interrogatories numbered from 1 to 44.

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|--|-----------|
| 1. Cost of land (including surveying & obtaining possession), | 39,052 69 |
| 2. Cost of 20 in. main connecting new works with old street mains, | 39,840 00 |

Cost of 20 in. main used as a distributing street main by both works in common,	13,310 00	
What amount has been ex- pended for		
3. Excavation,	23,794 81	
4. Piles and driving,	10,002 62	
5. Engines and Plumbing,	6,780 11	
6. Masonry material, stone, &c., 31,451 99		
Masonry, 24,886 99		
Carting stone, 3,794 38		
	<hr/>	60,133 36
7. Bricklaying & material, fire brick & tile, 11,749 56		
Common do., 9,154 62		
Other material, 632 55		
Bricklaying, 12,969 27		
	<hr/>	34,506 00
8. Lumber and timber, used in buildings, tenements, trunking, fencing, plank roads, scaffolding, and all incidentals,		26,041 42
9. Iron and iron work, Cast iron & wrought, 234,579 24		
Valves and stop-cocks, (gas & water) 3,894 73		
Tubing (gas, steam and water,) 2,628 98		
Tin and gal- vanized iron work, 1,410 22		
	<hr/>	242,513 17

\$403,771 49

10. Labor and Incidentals,		
Labor of carpenters and		
helpers on buildings,		
tenements, & incidental		
work of men employed		
in grading, sewerage, &c.,	57,819	76
Carting for filling, grad-		
ing, transfer of men,		
materials, & incidentals,	10,330	60
Wharf timber & laying,	19,825	90
Slate and slating,	6,969	96
Paints, oils and glass,	2,852	44
Station meter,	2,800	00
Hose,	2,092	78
Oil and chandlery,	2,020	62
Lead, sheet lead and lead		
work,	1,685	05
Plastering,	1,590	01
Improving roads, pro-		
perty and tenements, and		
fencing,	1,072	82
Nails and spikes,	1,480	00
Hardware and tools,	764	07
Office furniture & instru-		
ments,	683	07
Drawings,	208	00
India rubber goods,	140	00
Incidental expenses not spe-		
cified in the above,	971	68
		113,306 76
Total cost of works, First Ward,		\$517,078 25

Retort House.

What amount has been expended for

11. Excavation,	\$752	50
12. Masonry and Material,	7,199	43
13. Iron work, (including gas and water		
pipes, connexions, with exhaust		
house and tar wells, railroad, and		
wages for fitters and helpers,	36,136	18
14. Slate and Slating,	2,170	00

15. Lumber (used for building and scaffolding)	2,023 50
16. Bricklaying and Materials,	6,838 22
17. Fire brick and tile,	11,249 00
18. Retorts,	8,432 64
19. Hydraulic Mains (and fitting),	2,731 64
20. Washers (8) (and fitting),	568 60
21. Labor and Incidentals,	
Wages of carpenters, blacksmiths, and laborers,	6,592 43
Tin and galvanized iron work,	500 42
Lead, sheet lead, and lead work,	638 42
Plastering and cement work,	488 00
Paints, oils, &c.,	450 00
Oil, ship chandlery, and leather,	336 79
Nails and spikes,	109 00
Incidentals,	357 81
22. Condensing apparatus, pneumatic pumps,	4,069 51
23. steam engine (double)	700 00
24. condensers (3 sets)	3,918 72
25. Labor and incidentals,	665 00
26. Purifying Apparatus,	19,388 17
27. Wet Lime Purifiers (8 boxes and center seal),	6,877 37
28. Dry Lime Purifiers (12 boxes and baskets),	7,475 80
29. Labor and Incidentals,	5,035 00
<i>Buildings (Meter house and offices).</i>	
30. Excavation (and Filling),	357 00
31. Masonry Material,	1,161 88
32. Slate and Slating,	404 30
33. Iron work and material (including valves and connexions),	2,003 84
34. Brick work and material,	1,005 47
35. Lumber,	842 50
36. Labor (carpenters, fitters and laborers),	\$3,627 26
Incidentals (including plastering, tubing, tin, lead work, and lead),	1,173 90--4,801 16
37. Large Meter,	2,800 00

Coal Shedding.

38. Masonry Material,	\$2,325 70
39. Slate and Slating,	3,437 26
40. Railroad and Cars,	2,618 62
41. Steam Engine,	
42. Hoisting Apparatus,	1,787 02
43. Lumber (in coal stores, hoisting and water tank towers),	6,593 40
44. Labor (carpenters, fitters, and laborers at coal stores and water tank towers and hoisting apparatus),	9,582 00
Incidentals (cast iron columns, iron work, water connexions for hoister, lead and lead work, nails, paints, carting dirt, and tubing),	2,095 88

(NOTE.) — The answers to queries 2 to 10 inclusive, comprise the whole cost of the works in the First Ward.

The sums included in the answers to the remaining queries (from 11 to 44 inclusive) are all embraced in the replies to the first ten interrogatories.

By order of the Board of Trustees,

JNO. C. CRESSON,

January, 1858.

Engineer P. G. W.

(NOTE.) — The following is a list of all the officers and assistant officers engaged in the Lamp Department, the nature of the duties performed, and the salaries received, also a list of the operators and the wages they receive.

1 General Superintendent,	\$1,250 00
4 District " " @ \$700	2,800 00
2 " " " @ 200	400 00
1 " " " "	120 00
1 " " " "	100 00
133 Lamplighters and Cleaners, av. pr mo. \$14 75 each,	23,541 00
12 Operatives, @ \$1 15 per day,	4,319 40
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	\$32,530 40

APPENDIX No. 97.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition asking that grade regulations be established upon the plan of the 4th section of the late township of Blockley, being fully advised of the necessity of complying with said petition, beg leave to present the following resolution, asking the approval of Councils.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
J. K. GAMBLE,
ROBERT WARNOCK,
WM. M. BAIRD,
STEPHEN BENTON.

Jan. 27, 1858.

RESOLUTION

To fix the grades on the 4th section of the Plan of Surveys of the late Township of Blockley, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Department of Surveys be authorized, and is hereby directed to prepare duplicate plans of the Grade Regulations of so much of the late township of Blockley, as is comprised by the plan of the line regulations of the 4th section of the survey of the late Township of Blockley now on file.

APPENDIX No. 98.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the annexed reso-

lution, calling for grade regulations on a portion of the 4th section of the survey of the late township of the Northern Liberties, return the same with a recommendation that it receive the approval of Councils.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
J. K. GAMBLE,
ROBERT WARNOCK,
WM. M. BAIRD,
STEPHEN BENTON,
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Jan. 27, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Surveys be authorized and is hereby directed to prepare the grade regulations for so much of the plan of the Fourth Section of the late township of Northern Liberties, as is comprised within the following limits, on the north by the line of the late township of Bristol, on the south by Erie Avenue, on the east by the Old York Road, and on the west by the Germantown Road.

APPENDIX 99.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC LANDINGS
AND WHARVES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, to whom was referred bill, found in Appendix 86, to direct and authorize the Commissioner of Market Houses to renew the lease of the present lessee of Chesnut Street Wharf, on condi-

tion of his making certain improvements to enable the City to widen Delaware Avenue, report the same back and recommend its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
 JOHN McMAKIN,
 BENJ. H. BROWN,
 ALFRED DAY,
 THOS. T. BUTCHER,
 JOHN COOPER,
 GEO. WILLIAMS,
 ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
 WM. BRADFORD,
 G. W. SCHOFIELD,
 JOSEPH TAYLOR.

Jan. 14, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To direct and authorize the Commissioner of Market Houses to renew the Lease of the present Lessee of Chestnut Street Wharf, on condition of his making certain improvements to enable the City to widen Delaware Avenue at that point.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the Commissioner of Market Houses be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to renew the lease of the present lessee of Chestnut Street Wharf for ten years, from January 1st, 1859, at the yearly rent of two thousand dollars, payable quarterly, with condition in said lease that the said lessee shall, at his own expense, (with the exception of paving, water and gas pipe, plugs and lamps, which work shall be executed by the City, under the direction of the respective departments,) extend the said wharf of the same width it now is, fifty feet further in length, that is, with a pier of forty feet in length, and a sluice-way of ten feet in length, so as to enable the said City to widen Delaware Avenue, at that point, to the width of fifty feet; all of the said improvements at the end of said lease to remain and continue forever the property of the said City, free of all expense to the said City, except an allowance of three months' rent to said lessee, after the said improvements shall have been satisfactorily erected and finished.

APPENDIX No. 100.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW

Preferring articles of impeachment against the members of the Board of Health.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Law, of this Council, respectfully present the following Report,

That on the day of January, 1858, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted by this Council.

“Whereas, The Committee on Finance did on the third inst., [December, 1857,] present a Report showing gross misconduct in direct conflict with law, on the part of certain members of the Board of Health mentioned in said Report;

“Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Law to prepare charges, based upon the misconduct so reported, against the said members, with a view to their impeachment for misdemeanors in office, their trial by the Select Council in the manner provided by law, and their removal from office in case the said charges are sustained.”

Owing to the nature and character of the above Resolution, and as the 45th section of the Act of Consolidation, which relates to Impeachments, expressly directs the “charges to be preferred by Common Council;” the Committee on Law deemed it to be most regular and proper course for this Report to be made by the members of the Committee on Law from this Council alone, and that the Report should be made to this Council exclusively, as the Select Council have no power to take action in the premises. The initiative in such proceedings is with this Council; the Select Council is the tribunal for the trial of the alleged offenders; and there is a manifest propriety that members of that tribunal should not even appear to assume the position of prosecutors.

The Resolution would seem by its terms to restrict this Committee to singling out individual members of

the Board of Health as the objects of specific charges for misdemeanors in office; but the Committee are of opinion that a just construction of the letter, as well as the entire spirit of the Resolution, calls for such action in reference to the proceedings and conduct of the Board of Health, which have been brought to the notice of Councils by the Report of the Committee on Finance, as shall most effectually ensure a prompt and thorough application of the punishment provided by the Act of Consolidation, with a view to removal from office, whether such action be limited to particular individuals, or shall include all who were members of the Board of Health during the time when the wrongs complained of were committed, and who are still amenable to the process of impeachment. As the Committee have taken this view of the subject referred to them, and have determined to report for the consideration of this Council a course of action which will include all the members of the Board of Health, they deem it but proper to set forth their reasons for so doing.

The 45th section of the Act of Consolidation (Digest of Laws, p. 52,) provides "That all officers elected by the qualified voters under this Act shall be subject to removal from office on impeachment for misdemeanor in office *or other sufficient cause*, on charges to be preferred by the Common Council and tried by the Select Council in manner prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, as to the impeachment by the House of Representatives, and trial thereof by the Senate.

And the 51st section of the same Act (Digest, p. 53,) specifies certain particular offences, the commission of which by "any member of the Board of Health," renders it *imperative* upon Councils to impeach him in the manner thereinbefore provided. The offences specified are as follows, viz.:—The being directly or indirectly interested in any sale to or contract for supplies to be furnished to said City, or to any corporation or department by the said Act recognized or placed under the supervision of Councils, of which the offend-

ing party shall be a member, or officer, clerk or agent the receiving any gratuity, money, or property whatever, by reason of such sale or contract; and the taking any fee beyond that prescribed by law.

While from the Report presented by the Committee on Finance, it might be possible for this Committee to single out individual members of the Board of Health, and present charges against them under the 51st section of the Act of Consolidation, with a view to their impeachment, it must be evident to every one who has read that Report attentively, that there are instances of gross misconduct in the management of the Board of Health, which are equally worthy of animadversion and punishment, but which are not included in the specifications enumerated in said 51st section. And whether these instances of misconduct amount to misdemeanors in office in the full sense of the term or not, it is clear that they are embraced in the letter and spirit of the 45th section, which renders the guilty parties liable to impeachment for "*misdemeanors in office or other sufficient cause.*" This section, it is true, does not impose an imperative duty on Councils to proceed to the impeachment and trial of the offenders. But the wrongs have been committed,—the power of punishment is lodged in the hands of Councils; and they cannot with propriety seek refuge from an arduous and difficult task in the plea that the language of the Act is permissive and not imperative. Flagrant evils and abuses have been brought to light; and not only universal public opinion, but a just sense of the official responsibility of Councils in the high trust committed to their charge by the people, of whom they are the sworn representatives, calls for the exercise of this discretionary power.

The Board of Health is not a general representative or legislative body. The members are elected by the people to administer a specific trust—to attend to and watch over all that concerns the preservation of the health of the City. The functions of the Board may well be compared with those of a Board of Directors, or Board of Trustees of a Bank, or Charitable, or Elec-

mosynary Institution. And as such Board, the members are responsible for their actions and conduct to the people, or their chosen representatives—the Councils of the City—to whom is committed a supervisory power over their actions.

It is true that, for specific acts of individuals, unless in furtherance of a common intent, the individuals themselves are alone responsible, and should alone suffer. Had the acts complained of been committed by one or more individuals of the Board, without the knowledge or assent in any way of their fellow members, it would be unjust to involve all in a common accusation. But acquiescence and sanction, either express or implied, from whatever cause it may have been given, whether with a full knowledge of all the circumstances, or from an ignorance arising from wilful inattention to, or neglect of, duties fairly imposed upon those who have assumed the administration of the trust, cannot wholly exculpate from blame, though it may perhaps palliate the offence, and mitigate the punishment.

The report of the Committee on Finance exhibits the following state of affairs in the Board of Health.

After stating the facts in reference to the contract of Kain & Schaffer, the Committee proceed (p. viii.):

“Various other transactions, which the Committee deem it their duty to expose, are justly liable to still stronger reprehension, because they involve not only misapplication of the public moneys, *but are direct violations of well-known laws.*

“Not the slightest attention, it seems, has ever been paid to either of the provisions of the law of 1856, in relation to the receipts and expenditures of money by the several departments of the City Government. The law *imperatively requires* that all receipts shall be paid immediately over to the City Treasurer, and *strictly prohibits* all expenditures for eating, drinking, and smoking. No portion of the office receipts were paid over by R. H. Gorbutt, the late clerk: and he alleges that more than the whole amount of such receipts were disbursed *by orders of the Board, and the*

several Committees, nearly all of said disbursements being clear infractions of the law.

“Bills for dinners, liquors, segars, carriage hire, &c.,” consumed the whole of the revenue.

The bills appended to the report, though they belong to a former Board, are, the Committee (p. ix.) say, “fair samples of the ordinary diet list of the present year.”

The Committee (p. ix.) say further: “Accounts were formally passed, warrants regularly made out, countersigned, receipted, and the money for them drawn from the Treasury, in the names of persons who had no existence, for articles and supplies never furnished or required.”

And again (p. xi.): “Enough has been admitted to convince Councils, that banquets at the City Hospital—banquets at the Lazaretto—banquets at the office—banquets in the daytime, and banquets in the night season—eating, drinking, smoking, and riding at the public expense—must have occupied a large portion of the time of the *active members* of the Board of Health.”

And again (p. xii.): “How many of the members were cognizant of the making, passing, and receipt of money for fictitious bills, has not been exactly ascertained; but the evidence proves beyond doubt that several members were implicated in these illegal proceedings.”

The Committee, it is true, say, in closing their report, “That several of the members of the Board of Health are entirely clear of any guilty participation in these improper proceedings. Some, even of those whose signatures, as members of the Committees, are attached to the fictitious bills, it is believed, signed their names without any knowledge of the true character of the accounts.”

But the Committee do not give the names of those members of the Board whom they believe innocent; nor do they pretend to say that there is any one member of the Board who is clear of “participation,” in some form or other, in “these improper proceedings,”

The guilt or innocence to be attributed to the "participation," is the very matter which is to be tried.

Now, in view of the state of things, presented by the report above quoted, what is the duty of this Council? Every member of the Board of Health stands before the people of this City as in some degree responsible for "these improper proceedings." The action of this Council in preferring formal charges with a view to impeachment and trial, is in some respects similar to that of a grand jury in presenting an indictment. The technical forms in which the charges shall be preferred, and the proper parties to be included, are matters for which a grand jury depend upon, and are governed by, the advice of the law officers of the Commonwealth. This Committee, under the reference made to them, may be regarded as holding a relation to this Council analagous to that of the prosecuting officer to the grand jury. The articles of impeachment, which are presented for the consideration of the Council, are the technical forms of charging the offences against the alleged offenders. Upon the facts and evidence laid before them as contained in the report of the Committee on Finance, this Committee are of opinion that articles of impeachment should be preferred against all the members of the present Board of Health, who are now in office. Three of the members have been compelled to resign, owing to their election or appointment to other and incompatible offices. Councils cannot, of course, proceed against them. They are beyond the reach of any action by way of impeachment, trial, and removal from office.

By the course recommended, Councils will avoid any imputation of invidious selection. If any of the members are adjudged innocent, they will have a vindication of their conduct in their acquittal, while the really guilty will receive the well merited condemnation and punishment for their offences.

Nor can it with justice be said, that this is con-

founding the innocent with the guilty, and condemning them before trial and conviction. This Committee condemn no man. Every man is to be considered innocent until he be proved guilty. But your Committee say this, and no more than this, that there is, in their judgment, sufficient *prima facie* cause for putting all the members of the Board of Health, not as a corporate body, or as an organization, or department,—but as individuals, upon trial upon charges contained in the articles of impeachment submitted with this report.

Your Committee have considered also, an objection which may be raised to the course recommended, that it prevents any action of Councils expressive of their condemnation of acts for which individual members should alone be held accountable. But it must be remembered that these individual acts are susceptible of individual punishment in another forum; and that Councils have already instructed and requested the proper law officers to take the necessary steps to bring the offenders to punishment for their criminal acts.

The 51st section of the Act of Consolidation expressly provides for the punishment as misdemeanors of the offences therein specified, by criminal prosecution. And if forgeries and other offences, for which the penal statutes of the Commonwealth provide a punishment, have been committed by any of the individual members of the Board of Health, the ends of justice will be fully accomplished by leaving the punishment of these acts to the criminal tribunals of the Commonwealth.

Councils are called upon to pursue a specific course with a view to removal from office of those found unworthy of the trust committed to their charge. The punishment is the same, be the guilt greater or less. It is time too, that, where a great public trust is charged to have been so grossly mismanaged, perverted and abused, and the means are placed in the hands of a

responsible body for the punishment of all who are in any way implicated, that it should be understood, whether individuals are to be permitted to voluntarily assume the discharge of the duties attendant upon that trust, and by their wilful ignorance, silence, inattention or neglect, permit and suffer it to be abused and mismanaged, without being held strictly accountable and responsible for any want of faithfulness in the discharge of these duties.

The law recognizes no such distinction as would seem to be implied by the expression "*active members*," as used in the Report of the Committee on Finance. Nor can the law acknowledge any such thing as honorary memberships of bodies in whom are reposed public trusts.

The course of action recommended by this Committee is somewhat similar to that which is pursued when individuals have concerted and combined together to do unlawful acts, or to do lawful acts by unlawful means, and the charges against them when they are put upon trial, are framed into an indictment for conspiracy. The phraseology used in the articles of impeachment has been adopted in view of this analogy; and the Committee believe that by this means the desired end will be most surely and effectually attained. If any are found innocent they can be acquitted without involving the necessity of letting the guilty go unpunished.

Your Committee, while they have endeavored to present the charges in a form sufficiently definite and precise to give the accused an opportunity of meeting the accusation fairly, have not considered themselves as strictly limited by the technical rules which govern the framing of indictments.

Should it be found necessary or desirable by this Council hereafter to take specific action against individuals by separate impeachments, it can readily be done.

In accordance with the views above expressed, the

Committee have prepared and herewith submit for the consideration of the Council, certain articles of impeachment, together with a resolution of which they respectfully ask the adoption.

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. R. KNEASS,
SAM'L C. PERKINS,
E. H. FAULKNER,
WM. R. BLACK,
FERDINAND GEISLER.

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

Against Charles Smith, John McGettigan, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, Joseph R. Coad, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, Gavin H. Woodward, William B. Griffith, Philip De Young, Robert Lindsay, A. C. Roberts, William Osborne, Lewis Bornman, B. Housekeeper, John O'Brien, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire, and Benjamin B. Wilson, members of the Board of Health of the City of Philadelphia, preferred by the Common Council of the said City, in their name, and in the name of the citizens of Philadelphia, and exhibited to the Select Council of said City.

ARTICLE I.

That the said Charles Smith, John McGettigan, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, Joseph R. Coad, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, Gavin H. Woodward, William B. Griffith, Philip De Young, Robert Lindsay, A. C. Roberts, William Osborne, Lewis Bornman, B. Housekeeper, John O'Brien, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire, and Benjamin B. Wilson, being duly elected and qualified members of "The Board of Health," of the City of Philadelphia, while acting as members of the said Board, did, heretofore, to wit, on the first day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, within the City aforesaid, unlawfully conspire, combine, confederate, and agree together, between and among themselves, by divers false pretences, and subtle means and devices, to cheat and defraud the City of Philadelphia, of divers large sums of money of the moneys of the said City, to the great damage of the said City, contrary to the duties

of their trusts and stations as members of the said Board, contrary to the public rights and interests of the said City, and to the evil example of all others in like case offending.

ARTICLE II.

That the said Charles Smith, John McGettigan, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, Joseph R. Coad, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, Gavin H. Woodward, William B. Griffith, Philip De Young, Robert Lindsay, A. C. Roberts, William Osborne, Lewis Bornman, B. Housekeeper, John O'Brien, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire, and Benjamin B. Wilson, being duly elected and qualified members of the Board of Health as aforesaid, while acting as members of said Board, did, heretofore, to wit, on the first day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, within the City aforesaid, unlawfully conspire, combine, confederate, and agree together, between and among themselves, to cause and procure orders and resolutions of the said Board of Health to be enacted and passed, requiring the Clerk of said Board to retain and disburse, under the directions and control of said Board, and of Committees thereof, the moneys paid to said Clerk in his official capacity, at the office of said Board, and being part of the revenues of said City, instead of paying the whole of said moneys into the Treasury of said City, contrary to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, contrary to the duties of their trusts and stations as members of said Board, and against the public rights and interests of the said City.

ARTICLE III.

That the said Charles Smith, John McGettigan, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, Joseph R. Coad, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, Gavin H. Woodward, William B. Griffith, Philip De Young, Robert Lindsay, A. C. Roberts, William Osborne, Lewis Bornman, B. Housekeeper, John O'Brien, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire, and

Benjamin B. Wilson, being duly elected and qualified members of "The Board of Health" of the City of Philadelphia, while acting as members of the said Board, did, heretofore, to wit, on the first day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, within the City aforesaid, unlawfully conspire, combine, confederate and agree together between and among themselves, to cause and procure the clerk of said Board to retain and disburse under the orders and directions of the said Board and of Committees thereof, the moneys paid to said clerk in his official capacity at the office of said Board, and being part of the revenues of said City, instead of paying the whole of said moneys into the treasury of said City, contrary to the duties of their trusts and stations as members of said Board, contrary to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the public rights and interests of the said City.

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their trusts and stations as members of said Board and against the public rights and interests of the said City

ARTICLE V.

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acting as members of said Board, did, heretofore, to wit, on the first day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, within the City aforesaid, conspire, combine, confederate, and agree together, between and among themselves, to cause and procure bills and accounts to be formally passed, warrants regularly made out, countersigned, receipted, and the money for the same drawn from the Treasury of the said City, in the names of persons who had no existence, for articles and supplies never furnished or required, contrary to the duties of their trusts and stations as members of said Board of Health, and against the public rights and interests of the said City.

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That the said Charles Smith, John McGettigan, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, Joseph R. Coad, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, Gavin H. Woodward, William B. Griffith, Philip De Young, Robert Lindsay, A. C. Roberts, William Osborne, Lewis Bornman, B. Housekeeper, John O'Brien, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire, and Benjamin B. Wilson, being duly elected and qualified members of the "Board of Health" of the City of Philadelphia, while acting as members of the said

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fully and knowingly abused, mismanaged and perverted the trusts committed to their charge as members of said Board of Health, contrary to the duties of their trusts and stations as members of said Board, against the public rights and interests of the said City, and to the evil example of all others in like case offending.

ARTICLE XI.

That the said Charles Smith, John McGettigan, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, Joseph R. Coad, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, Gavin H. Woodward, William B. Griffith, Philip De Young, Robert Lindsay, A. C. Roberts, William Osborne, Lewis Bornman, B. Housekeeper, John O'Brien, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire, and Benjamin B. Wilson, being duly elected and qualified members of the Board of Health as aforesaid, while acting as members of said Board, have heretofore, to wit: on the first day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, within the City aforesaid, and on divers other days and times within the City aforesaid, and at the Lazaretto in Delaware county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (the management, care and administration of the affairs and concerns of the said Lazaretto being then and there, to wit: within the said City, part of the trust committed to their charge as members of said Board,) afforded sufficient cause for their removal from office as members of said Board in this, that they have so negligently, carelessly and unfaithfully administered the trusts committed to their charge as members of said Board, that by reason of such negligent, careless and unfaithful administration of said trusts, divers large sums of money of the moneys and revenues of the said City amounting in the whole to a large sum of money, to wit: to the sum of five thousand dollars, have been wasted, squandered and misspent, and thereby the said City has suffered great loss and injury and manifold wrong, contrary to the duties of their trusts and stations as members of said Board of Health, against

the public rights and interests of the said City, and to the evil example of all others in like case offending.

And the said Common Council, by protestation, saving to themselves the liberty of exhibiting at any time hereafter any further articles, or other accusation or impeachment against the said Charles Smith, John McGettigan, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, Joseph R. Coad, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, Gavin H. Woodward, William B. Griffith, Philip De Young, Robert Lindsay, A. C. Roberts, William Osborne, Lewis Bornman, B. Housekeeper, John O'Brien, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire and Benjamin B. Wilson, members of the said Board of Health as aforesaid, or any of them, and also of replying to their answers which they or any of them shall make unto the said articles or unto any or either of them, and of offering proof to all and every the aforesaid articles and to all and every other articles, impeachment or accusation, which shall or may be exhibited by them as the case shall require, do demand that the said Charles Smith, John McGettigan, Lewis Kugler, Thomas H. Town, Joseph R. Coad, David Watt, John H. Weir, Frederick F. Frazier, Gavin H. Woodward, William B. Griffith, Philip De Young, Robert Lindsay, A. C. Roberts, William Osborne, Lewis Bornman, B. Housekeeper, John O'Brien, M. H. Emery, John Markle, William H. Squire and Benjamin B. Wilson, members of the said Board of Health, as aforesaid, and each and every of them may be put to answer all and every the aforesaid articles, and that such proceedings, examinations, trials, and judgments may be, against and upon them and every of them had, as are agreeable to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth; and the said Common Council are ready to offer proof of the premises at such time as the Select Council of the said City of Philadelphia shall appoint.

Resolved, That this Committee of Council be appointed to exhibit to the Select Council the articles of impeachment against the members of the Board of Health, to be impeached as above and to manage the trial thereof.

APPENDIX No. 101.

REPORT OF MINORITY OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The subscribers, a minority of the Committee on Finance, respectfully report that they have not been able to agree with the majority of their Committee, in the report which they make, fixing the rate of taxes for 1858 at two dollars.

The amount of appropriations for the year 1858 is	\$3,643,208 63
Add deficit in the treasury, January 1st, 1858,	334,882 90

Total,	\$3,978,092 53
Deduct estimated receipts from all sources, other than taxes,	1,438,766 61

Amount to be raised from taxes,	\$2,540,325 92
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The assessed value of real and personal estate, subject to taxation for city purposes, is, real estate, \$147,752,152 00; personal, \$2,658,909 00; making the total amount one hundred and fifty million, four hundred and eleven thousand and sixty-one dollars, which, at the rate of one dollar and eighty-five cents for every one hundred dollars, will produce the sum of

	\$2,782,604 63
Personal taxes,	3,871 25

\$2,786,475 88

Deduct allowances for advance payments, &c., \$120,000 00

Deduct one-third the rate for rural property in 1st, 19th, 21st, 22d, 23d, and 24th wards, the value of said property being nine millions, nine hundred

and sixty-two thousand,
three hundred and fifteen
dollars, which amounts
to

61,427 63

And also 16 cents in the
hundred dollars for the
poor-rate in the 5th and
6th divisions of the 21st
ward, and that portion
of the 2d division which
was formerly included in
Roxborough township,
the entire 22d ward, and
the 23d ward, except the
1st, 2d, and 3d divisions,

14,715 20

196,142 83

Amount of net revenues from taxes,
Deduct amount required to be raised
by taxes,

\$2,590,333 05

2,540,325 92

Surplus, 50,007 13

Thus leaving the sum of fifty thousand and seven dol-
lars and thirteen cents as a contingent fund, to meet
any deficiencies which may occur in our anticipated
revenues for 1858.

The following calculations will show the proportion
of the rate to be applied to each object for which it is
separately voted: Police, 26 cents; School, 28 cents;
Lighting City, 11 cents; Poor, 16 cents; Highways,
24 cents; Loan tax, 75 cents; other municipal pur-
poses, 5 cents; making a total of one hundred and
eighty-five cents.

To this report we herewith annex two tables, (A)
showing a deficit in the Treasury on the 1st day of
January, 1858, of \$334,882 90, and (B) showing the
amount required for expenditures, and estimated reve-
nues from other sources than taxes, for the year 1858.

By table (B) you will perceive we have included in
the estimated receipts the amount of the Loan re-

ported to Councils on the 25th of November, 1857, by the Finance Committee. In that report, the Committee were unanimous in the belief that the most equitable and just plan of providing for the deficiencies in the treasury, was the creation of a small loan; and the undersigned have had no good reasons presented to them for changing their belief in the justness and propriety of this course. Upon the contrary, they are more firmly convinced that it is the only fair way of distributing the immense debt imposed upon the taxpayers of the City by the extravagant expenditures of the Councils of 1854, 1855, and the first half of the year 1856.

By referring to the report of the City Controller, made January 1st, 1856, it will show outstanding warrants of 1855 due and unpaid, amounting to

\$1,536,599 68

Add to this errors since discovered, see report of the Controller, January 1st, 1858,

18,919 61

Making the total of warrants unpaid, January 1st, 1856,

\$1,555,519 29

If you deduct the amount of Loan of one million, created to cover this deficiency, and you still have the large amount unprovided for of \$555,519 29.

By the report of the Controller, July, 1856, it shows the appropriations for that year to be \$3,324,826 37; one-half of this sum for the expenses of the first half of the year would be \$1,662,413 18, when the amount actually countersigned on the 1st of July of that year was \$2,125,565 94, exceeding the appropriations for the half year four hundred and sixty-three thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-six cents, making an actual deficit on the first of July, 1856, of one million and eighteen thousand, six hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifteen cents. Deduct from this the eight hundred thousand dollar loan, created in the latter part of 1856 to meet this deficiency, and you still have over two hundred and eighteen thousand dollars unprovided for. Add to this the

amount since appropriated for debts due by the City, and created in 1854 and 1855, and the first part of 1856, and you have an amount equal to about three hundred thousand dollars for deficiencies for past years. The rate of taxation for 1857 was fixed at a very high rate, hoping thereby to overcome the deficiencies of the past; and this, we feel confident, would have been realized, but for the unprecedented financial embarrassments of the country. The overwhelming monetary storm which swept over the whole country, prostrating thousands of our best citizens, necessarily disturbed the revenues of the City in its receipts from the various departments; and the loss from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company of two hundred thousand dollars, has induced us to pause and consider whether it would be just to impose the whole of these deficiencies upon the tax payers of 1858.

To provide for the whole of this deficiency by taxation would place the rate even higher than it was last year, and impose a burthen upon the owners of real estate, which would be onerous in the extreme, at a time of depression like the present. Still, had the contemplated increase of last year, which was fairly to be counted on, been realized, or if there were any reason to anticipate a recurrence of deficiencies during the coming year, we would cheerfully unite with our colleagues in recommending a resort to taxation, be the rate what it might, as the only proper mode of meeting the expenses of the current as well as any deficiency in the past year, even in the present depressed condition of real property. We do not depart from the rule of requiring the tax payers of 1858 to bear every dollar of their own proper expenditures.

Under these circumstances, we, the minority of your Committee, feel assured that the good sense of the reflecting portion of the community will bear us out in recommending to Councils the passage of the Loan bill, reported by the Finance Committee on the 25th of November, 1857, thereby distributing this sum through the instrumentality of the Sinking Fund, over a period of thirty years, rather than throw the whole

of this deficiency upon the tax payers of 1858, who have scarcely recovered from the disastrous storm of 1857.

For these reasons we respectfully urge upon Councils that it will be far better to fix the rate of taxes for the present year at one dollar and eighty-five cents in the one hundred dollars, which will be amply sufficient to meet all the appropriations for the current year.

We submit the annexed bill, entitled "An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1858."

EDWARD S. HANDY,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN.

[A]
ACCOUNT CURRENT,

Showing the Amounts chargeable against the Balance in the Treasury, January 1st, 1858, and estimate of Receipts from Taxes of former years.

Accounts due January 1, 1858, and chargeable against the balance then in the Treasury, viz:		By balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1858,	
To Interest on Loans due Jan. 1, 1858,	\$550,000 00	Less amount due Sinking Fund,	\$488,068 10
" " Warrants,	10,000 00		112,308 00
Warrants of 1855,		By Estimate of Outstanding Taxes that will be received in 1858, as follows:	
1856,	26,575 23	By Registered Taxes prior to 1857,	\$375,730 10
1857,	93,301 83	From Taxes of 1857,	500,000 00
	540,992 98		
To Interest due on Loans prior to Jan. 1, 1858, and unpaid,	660,960 04		
To Unpaid bills in Highway Department, for which the appropriation has merged,	15,000 00		
To Unpaid bills in Department of City Commissioners, for which the appropriation has merged,	2,000 00		
To Unpaid bills and deficiencies in Department of Clerks of Councils, for which the appropriation has merged,	1,000 00		
To Unpaid bills and deficiencies in the Department of Guardians of the Poor, for which the appropriation has merged,	19,000 00		
To Meet deficiencies in other departments,	19,078 27		
	66,078 27		
		By Balance,	334,882 90
To Balance, being the deficit, actual and estimated on January 1, 1858,	\$334,882 90		
			\$1,290,613 0 0

B.

*Appropriations to meet expenditures of the City for 1858,
and anticipated Revenue from sources other than taxation.*

	Appropriations for Expenditures for the year 1858.	Revenue for 1858 from sources other than taxation.
Interest,	1,152,992 18	
Sinking Fund,	159,079 00	
Dividend Pennsylvania R. R. Stock,		300,000 00
Trustees City Ice Boat,	11,475 00	3,200 00
Expenses of Councils,	23,520 00	
Inspectors of County Prison,	61,050 00	7,593 31
Department of Surveys,	29,354 30	
“ Fire,	36,375 00	
“ Gas,	232,356 80	66,000 00
“ Law,	20,250 00	34,750 00
“ Receiver of Taxes,	19,000 00	
“ Highways,	393,500 00	24,550 00
“ Police,	390,502 00	
“ Water,	145,810 00	478,000 00
“ Market Houses,	10,883 70	71,205 75
“ Wharves and Landings,	4,829 00	50,491 00
“ City Property,	67,052 00	19,897 72
“ City Treasury,	10,350 00	
“ Poor,	198,897 00	20,050 00
“ Public Schools,	468,140 95	43,285 00
“ City Commissioners,	169,091 72	
“ City Controller,	13,700 00	
“ Board of Health,	20,000 00	12,000 00
Licenses, Fines, Penalties, &c.,		5,800 00
Girard Estate for Lighting Delaware Avenue,		1,943 83
Estimated receipts from loan reported by the Finance Committee, Nov. 25th, 1857.		300,000 00
	\$3,643,208 65	\$1,438,766 61

AN ORDINANCE

To levy and fix the Rate of Taxes for the year 1858.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and required forthwith to levy on the real estate, furniture, horses, cows, and carriages, returned by the Assessors at the assessment made in the year 1857, situate or assessed within the City of Philadelphia (except property used for rural purposes as hereafter provided), a tax of one hundred and eighty-five cents in the hundred dollars on the assessed value thereof; and upon every taxable inhabitant of said City returned by the assessors aforesaid, the sum of twenty-five cents.

SECT. 2. The said tax is to be levied for the year 1858, as one City and County tax, and is hereby voted for the following objects respectively, for the same year, namely :

For the relief and employment of the poor, the sum of sixteen cents in the hundred dollars on said assessed value of the said property.

For the public schools, the sum of twenty-eight cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For lighting of the City, the sum of eleven cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the loan tax to pay interest on the funded debt and for the sinking fund, the sum of seventy-five cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the expenses of the police, the sum of twenty-six cents in the hundred dollars of the said assessed value of the said property.

For the care of the public highways, the sum of twenty-four cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For expenses of City Departments other than those heretofore mentioned, and for City Ice Boat, the sum

of five cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

And the said amounts are hereby declared to be appropriated for the said objects, but subject to the further directions of Councils.

SECT. 3. On all such portions of said assessed property as the said Assessors have marked "rural," but two thirds of the said rate of taxation in the hundred dollars shall be levied as aforesaid; and no part of the tax hereinbefore set apart for the relief and employment of the poor, shall be levied on all such portions of the said assessed property as are situated in the districts within the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third Wards, where houses for the accommodation of the poor are provided, and where, by the eighteenth section of the Act of 2d February, 1854, it is enacted that no change shall be made without the consent of the qualified voters of the said district,

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the Receiver of Taxes, to cause to be printed on the tax bills the rate of taxes voted for the objects hereinbefore mentioned.

APPENDIX No. 102.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY DIRECTORS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, elected by the City of Philadelphia, in compliance with the resolution of Councils, November 19th, 1857, would respectfully report, That having given their time and attention to the performance of the duties entrusted to them, and having acted with their fellow directors elected by the

individual stockholders, and the County of Allegheny, they submit to you their joint annual report, made on the first day of February, as a statement of the operations of the Company for the last year, as well as of its present condition.

It cannot but be highly gratifying to the citizens of Philadelphia and their representatives, to observe the improved condition of the financial affairs of the company, and the increase of trade on their road over the previous year, notwithstanding the latter was much diminished by the financial derangements of the country, and the consequent diminution of trade, as well going west as coming east. In this trade, the City of Philadelphia has its greatest interest.

While we would refrain from expressing any opinion of the propriety or impropriety of the contributions heretofore made by the City of Philadelphia or the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in aid of the construction of several lines and branches of roads connecting with this road, and are unwilling to recommend any further subscriptions, yet we fully believe, that, on the completion and connection with the main road, of the several lines or branches now in progress of construction, extending their arms in various directions westward, Philadelphia cannot but be largely benefited in the extension of her trade, as well as in the enhanced value of her stock in this company.

Nor can it be any the less gratifying to the people of Philadelphia, to learn that while the trade and business of the road has been thus increased, the indebtedness of the company, and the current expenses have both been materially reduced, without in the least impairing its efficiency. Towards the accomplishment of these objects, your directors contributed all the aid in their power.

For a more full and particular statement of the concerns of the company, the undersigned beg leave to refer the honorable Councils to the annual report above referred to, a copy of which, as soon as published in pamphlet form, will be sent to each member.

In connection with this, it may not be improper for

your directors to call your attention to an application about to be made by the Company to the Legislature of the State, for the reduction or repeal of the tax, now levied by law, on the tonnage passing over the road.

This tax has had, and must continue to have, an injurious effect upon the trade of the road, or its income, or upon both. To the extent of the tax, it prevents the Pennsylvania road from competing successfully with other parallel roads, for the trade of the west, or it must be levied upon the trade of our own state, or be borne by the Company. There is no doubt that it falls injuriously on all, and most in Philadelphia.

The people of Philadelphia contributed the large sum of five millions of dollars towards the construction of the road, for the purpose of obtaining a largely increased trade and commerce that might be carried on, through, and over it, with the people of the western states, and those of the interior of Pennsylvania, from which they expected to derive the benefit that would compensate them for their investment. Anything, therefore, that is calculated to interfere with this just expectation of our citizens in the extension of their trade, should demand their serious attention, and invite their active cooperation in its removal.

It has been understood that the imposition of this tax by the Legislature was not for the purpose of drawing thereby a permanent revenue to the State, but as a compensation for a supposed loss to the income of its public works, by the withdrawal of a portion of the trade from them to the Pennsylvania Railroad.

If this be so, there can now be no longer any reason for, or justice in its continuance, as all the works then owned by the State, likely to be affected by the Pennsylvania Railroad, are now the property of the Company, and the State can, in nowise, be injured by it.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that this just appeal to

the Legislature will meet with a ready support from your honorable bodies and the people of Philadelphia, through their representatives in the Legislature of the State. All of which is respectfully submitted by,

Yours, &c.,

SAMUEL MEGARGEE,
JOHN ROBBINS, JR.,
JNO. G. BRENNER.

Feb. 11, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 103.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report that the bills of Joseph Delavan (late Coroner,) have been examined and certified to by the Controller as correct for June, July, August, September and October, the last five months of his term of office, and the amount of the same is included in the annexed ordinance and recommended to be paid with the deduction therefrom of the excess over \$2500 per annum claimed for inquests. The bills of his successor, John R. Fenner, for two months ending December 31, 1857, are also reported for payment.

Several other bills of small amount which have been referred to your Committee for examination and which have been found correct are also included in said ordi-

nance, together with one sent to this Committee from the Department of Water Works, for the purpose of being included therein.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
 ALFRED DAY,
 JOHN F. MASCHER,
 GEO. WILLIAMS,
 JOSEPH TAYLOR,
 JOHN P. VERREE,
 ALGN. S. ROBERTS.

Feb. 11, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay Joseph Delavau (late Coroner,) for the year ending Oct. 31, 1857; John R. Fenner, Coroner, for the months of November and December, 1857; and certain other claims against the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. That the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain that the sum of Four thousand and fifty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents be, and the same is, hereby, appropriated to pay the following claims, viz. :—

1. Joseph Delavau, for inquests and expenses as Coroner, for the last five months of his term of office, two thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighteen cents.
2. John R. Fenner, for inquests and expenses as Coroner, for the two months ending December 31, 1857, eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty-six cents.
3. George M. Howell, late Clerk of the Quarter Sessions, for miscellaneous services during the year 1856, fifty-five dollars and seventy-seven cents.
4. William Dickson, for overpaid water rent for the years 1855, 1856 and 1857, fifteen dollars.
5. Heister & Steward, for ice furnished to office of City Controller, from February 4, 1856, to December 31, 1856, twenty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents.

6. Morris, Tasker & Company, for iron work at Philadelphia Alms House, for the year 1856, fifty-five dollars and forty-five cents.
7. Dr. J. S. Helfrich, as vaccine physician of the Seventh Ward, from July 1, 1856, to January 1, 1857, twenty-five dollars.
8. Dr. A. Owen Stille, as vaccine physician of the Ninth Ward, for the quarter ending December 31, 1856, twelve dollars and fifty cents.
9. Dr. H. St. Clair Ash, as vaccine physician of the Tenth Ward, for the last five months of 1856, twenty dollars and eighty cents.
10. Dr. H. C. Paist, as vaccine physician of the Eleventh Ward, from March 22d, to December 22d, 1856, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents.
11. John D. Ward, for two cords of wood, furnished to Board of Health, for City Hospital, July 31, 1856, twelve dollars.

SEC. 2. That warrants for the appropriation shall be drawn as follows, viz.:—

Items No. 1, 2 and 3, by the City Commissioners; 4, by the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water; 5, by the City Controller; 6, by the President of the Guardians of the Poor; 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, by the President of the Board of Health.

APPENDIX No. 104.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report the accompanying Ordinance to pay certain bills contracted by the Department of Highways for the year 1857. In the first report of the Committee during the present year, showing the financial condition of the

City, the unsettled accounts of this Department were estimated to amount to fifteen thousand dollars. The actual amount of the bills is thirteen thousand five hundred and eighty dollars and seventy-seven cents.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
 GEO. WILLIAMS,
 ALFRED DAY,
 JOHN F. MASCHER,
 JOSEPH TAYLOR,
 ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
 JOHN P. VERREE.

Feb. 11, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay deficiencies occurring in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-seven cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay deficiencies for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, as follows:—

For Paving Intersections,	\$11,477 87
“ Repairing Streets,	477 12
“ Grading “	276 50
“ Repairing Roads,	384 39
“ Paving Footways,	76 95
“ Repairs to Culverts and Inlets,	742 63
“ Repairing Bridges,	151 31

SECT. 2. Warrants for the foregoing appropriations, shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

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APPENDIX No. 105.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report that they have had referred to them the bills of T. W. Price, for books and stationery, alleged to have been furnished to the Supreme Court, District Court, and Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the City and County of Philadelphia, and to the offices of the Recorder of Deeds and City Commissioners during 1856 and 1857. Your Committee have had these bills for some time under consideration, and have visited the different offices, and investigated as far as they were able the grounds on which the large amounts claimed therein, amounting to upwards of nineteen hundred dollars, were based, and although in said bills there are items which are no doubt just, for articles which have been properly supplied, there are some with which the County is not chargeable, and others which, in the opinion of the Committee, have either not been supplied in the quantity alleged, or if so supplied, have been wantonly wasted. Under these circumstances, and not being able to separate those charges which appear to be proper from such as they think ought not to be paid, without going into a detail, which they do not feel is required, and which might be unjust to Mr. Price, your Committee feel that they sufficiently discharge their duty in reporting unfavorably to the payment of his bills: and offer the annexed resolution.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ALFRED DAY,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
JOHN P. VERREE.

Feb. 11, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bills of T. W. Price, for books and stationery furnished to the Supreme Court, and the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and District Court for this City and County, and to the City Commissioners and Recorder of Deeds, during parts of the years 1856 and 1857.

 APPENDIX No. 106.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS, &c.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the communication from the West Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company, on the subject of laying their railway on the Market Street Bridge, beg leave to report, That they have heard a Committee of the said Company with reference to the mode proposed for laying the rails, and have examined the bridge with reference to the same; and after careful consideration of the subject, your Committee are of the opinion that the rails, as designed to be laid will form no obstacle to the ordinary travel over the bridge, and that a prohibition on the part of Councils to the construction of the railway on the bridge would be in opposition to a prevailing public sentiment in favor of the construction of the road.

The Company have filed in the proper office a paper accepting the provisions of the Ordinance of Councils respecting passenger railways, and in their contract for the construction of their road, have expressly pro-

vided that the work on the bridge shall be done under the superintendence and control of the Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Your Committee, therefore, submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Submitted by	ANDREW MILLER, <i>Chairman</i> ,
	J. K. GAMBLE,
	W. O. KLINE,
	GEO. WILLIAMS,
	G. W. SCHOFIELD,
	PETER FRAILEY,
	JOHN F. DEAL,
<i>Feb. 11, 1858.</i>	CHAS. F. ISEMINGER.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the West Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company to lay the rails of their road over the Market Street Bridge.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the West Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company be, and they hereby are, permitted to construct their railway on the Market Street Bridge, under the supervision and direction of the Highway Department; and the City Solicitor is hereby requested to discontinue all proceedings now pending against the said Company to prevent the construction of the said railway over the said bridge. *Provided*, that the Company pay to the City twenty dollars per annum toll for each car passing over said Bridge. *Provided* further, that the said Company shall, previously thereto, accept of, and conform to, the provisions of the Ordinance to Regulate Passenger Railroads, Approved, July 7th, 1857, by an agreement in such form as shall be approved by the City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 107.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committe on Highways, &c., report herewith an Ordinance, to pay the damages assessed for opening Ashton Street, from South Street to the Gray's Ferry Road, in the First Ward.

This street was opened by the usual proceedings in Court, in the year 1851, and the damages were assessed in the year 1852, and confirmed by the Court some time in the following year.

Subsequently, a question arose concerning the validity of the claim for damages, because of a law having been passed vacating the street more than a year before the proceedings to open it were commenced; and in order to determine this question, the claimants commenced a suit in the District Court, and have, finally, obtained a judgment for the sum awarded by the jury that assessed the damage, and the City Solicitor is of the opinion that this judgment cannot be got rid of except by paying it, and the street having been open and in use for some six or seven years, the people in the neighborhood would not willingly submit to having it closed.

There is a triangular piece of ground lying between Ashton Street as opened and the Gray's Ferry Road, which, according to the report of the jury that assessed the damage is to belong to the City; and provision is made in the ordinance that this piece of ground shall be conveyed to the City before the damages are paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
W. O. KLINE,
JOHN F. DEAL,
J. K. GAMBLE,
JOHN M. FORD,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
JAS. BURNS,
CHAS. F. ISEMINER.

Feb. 11, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, to pay road damages for opening Ashton Street in the First Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain that the sum of two thousand seven hundred and forty-five dollars and thirty cents is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways for the purpose of paying to Edward C. Dale, A. J. Reasonton, and Chapman Biddle, trustees of Joseph Dugan, deceased, the damages assessed for the property taken by the opening of Ashton Street from South Street to Gray's Ferry Road, in the First Ward.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways. Forty-five dollars and thirty cents of the said appropriation shall be paid in money, and the balance in certificates of City debt. *Provided*, that no warrant shall issue until the City Solicitor, upon the faith of proper certificates of search to be presented to him, shall certify that there are no liens or incumbrances against the property taken by the said street, nor until he shall further certify that the triangular piece of ground, lying between the said Ashton Street and the Gray's Ferry Road, has been conveyed to the City clear of incumbrance.

SECT. 3. When there is presented to the City Treasurer the warrant for the certificates of City debt, countersigned by the Controller, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the proper parties one or more certificates of City debt, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand seven hundred dollars, which certificates shall be such as are provided for in the Ordinance, approved August 23d, A.D. 1855, entitled, "An Ordinance, to provide for the issue of certificates of City debt in payment of road damages," &c., and shall be a part of these authorized to be issued by that Ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 108.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS, &c.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., upon petitions referred to them some time since, asking for the grading of Fifth Street, from Dauphin to York Street, in the Nineteenth Ward, Bridge Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and that part of Indian Queen Lane, between Ridge Avenue and Thirty Ninth Street, in the Twenty-first Ward, report herewith resolutions to authorize the said grading.

They also, in response to various petitions referred to them, report a resolution authorizing the paving of several streets therein named, and also a resolution to open Tenth or Thirty-ninth Street, from Bridge Street to Haverford Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. The opening of this street this short distance has become necessary, because by the regulation of the locality there is a depression in Bridge Street at this point from which the water is to be drained over Tenth or Thirty-ninth Street to Haverford Street.

Bridge Street has been recently paved, and the owners of ground over which Thirty-ninth Street will pass, have thrown in earth and dammed up the water so that in wet weather it is inundated and sometimes impassable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman,*

J. K. GAMBLE,

JAMES BURNS,

PETER FRAILEY,

GEORGE WILLIAMS,

JOHN M. FORD,

JOHN F. DEAL,

CHAS. F. ISEMINGER.

Feb. 11, 1858.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the paving of certain streets, and for other purposes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on the following named streets, viz.:—Seventeenth Street, from Carpenter to Prime Street, in the First Ward; Hamilton Street, from Fifteenth Street westward, to its intersections with Callowhill Street; Eighteenth Street, from North Street to Francis Street, in the Fifteenth Ward; Coral Street, from Front Street to Frankford Road; Cumberland Street, from Frankford Road to Jasper Street; Wood Street, from Frankford Road to Gaul Street; Front Street, from York Street to Cambria Street; Blair Street, from Wood Street to Dauphin Street; Emerald Street, from Front Street to York Street, in the Nineteenth Ward; Tyler Street, from the point to which it is at present paved, north of Poplar Street, northward to Girard Avenue; Oxford Street, from Sixth Street to Seventh Street, in the Twentieth Ward; and Thirty-third Street, from Market Street northward to Bridge Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward; are hereby authorized to pave the same, the Contractor in each case doing the said work to be a competent paver, to be approved by the Highway Department, who shall enter into an obligation to the City to keep the streets paved and in good repair for two years after the paving is finished; said paving to be carefully supervised by the proper officer of the Department, while the same is progressing, and the water pipe to be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated to the Highway Department, to be paid to the parties doing the grading on Bridge Street, from Thirty-fifth Street eastward to the Wire Bridge, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, preparatory to the paving thereof; *provided* that the amount of the said grading shall not be less than seven thousand cubic yards.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade Fifth Street, from Dauphin to York Street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and to expend therein a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars; and also to grade that portion of Indian Queen Lane lying between Ridge Avenue and Thirty-ninth Street, in the Twenty-first Ward, and to expend therein, not exceeding the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, for the grading of at least twenty-eight hundred cubic yards.

Resolved, That the said Department is hereby directed to give notice to the owners of the ground through and over which Tenth Street, lately called Thirty-ninth Street, from Bridge Street to Haverford Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, will pass, that at the expiration of three months from the date of the said notice, the said Tenth or Thirty-ninth Street, within the space specified, will be opened for public use, as authorized by the 7th Section of the Act of Assembly, approved April 21st, 1855.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to do the grading necessary on the streets named in the First Resolution, within the spaces specified preparatory to the paving thereof.

APPENDIX No. 109.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of the Franklin Hose Company, asking for a donation to

enable them to purchase a new Suction Engine; and of a large number of property holders of the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Wards, asking permission to form a new hose company, respectfully report adverse thereto, and ask the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
M. A. BOYLE,
SETH AUSTIN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. NEAL,
JOHN P. VERREE.

Feb. 11, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

APPENDIX No. 110.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the memorials of the Independence, Western, and Fairmount Engine Companies, and of the Pennsylvania and Fairmount Hose Companies, asking for back appropriations, respectfully report the same back, and ask that they be referred to the Finance Committee, to be by them in-

cluded in the deficiency bill, and ask the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
W. A. BOYLE,
SETH AUSTIN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN P. VERREE.

Feb. 11, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the memorials of the Independence, Western, and Fairmount Engines, and of the Pennsylvania and Fairmount Hose Companies, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the amounts asked for in each, be by said Committee included in the general deficiency bill.

APPENDIX No. 111.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of property owners, asking permission to construct a 24 inch Brick Culvert, from the south line of No. 30, west side of Bank street, extending northwardly to connect with the culvert in Market Street, beg leave to report the accompanying bill, authorizing the con-

struction of said culvert, and respectfully ask its adoption.

ROBERT P. KANE, *Chairman*,
 ROBERT WARNOCK,
 WM. M. BAIRD,
 THOS. T. BUTCHER,
 ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
 GEO. WILLIAMS.

Feb. 11, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE.

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on the line of Bank street, southward from Market street, in the Sixth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the owners of property situate on Bank street, between Market and Chesnut streets, are hereby authorized to construct a Culvert or Drain, to commence at and intersect the Culvert at Market street opposite Bank street, to extend southwardly along Bank street to the south side of Elbow lane, to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Highways. *Provided*, before the said Culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant with the City of Philadelphia, to build it at their own expense, and upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECT. 2. The said Culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the City without condition, saving and excepting, that should a permit to make a Drain to said Culvert, be hereafter granted by the City, to a person or persons who have not contributed to the expense of constructing said Culvert, then and in such case the parties constructing the same, under this Ordinance, are hereby authorized to demand of the person or persons to whom such permit shall be granted, such part of the original cost thereof as shall

be proportionate to the frontage of his, her, or their property thereon; and in case of neglect or refusal to pay said sum, they may sue for, and collect the same. *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such Culvert shall have been filed in the Office of the Department of Surveys. *And Provided also*, that the annual charge or rentage shall be paid as specified in "Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into Common Sewers," approved May 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 112.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report: that a bill reported to Councils by the Committee on Claims on the 15th of December last, (Appendix No. 51) has been referred to them generally without any specific instruction. When, therefore, in the order of business, this bill came up for consideration, your Committee were at a loss to know what duty they were expected to perform, whether they were to re-examine the subjects of the report, or to report an ordinance without any examination, or to see whether the evidence as reported by the Committee was sufficient to justify an appropriation.

In the ordinance of July 3, 1854, creating Committees of Councils and defining their duties, they find nothing which gives a supervisory power over the

actions of other Committees to the Committee on Finance. Their duties are defined to be to exercise "supervision over the departments of the City Treasurer, the Receiver of Taxes, and the City Controller," while those of the Committee on claims are "to report to Councils the evidence and all the circumstances connected with any claim which may be presented to Councils, and for which no appropriation is made, or general ordinance providing for its adjustment or otherwise." Custom has added many duties to those defined as to be performed by the Committee on Finance, and probably also to those of other Committees of Councils; but your Committee can find nothing to warrant their re-examination of claims which have been already passed upon by the proper Committee, and they do not feel at liberty (nor do they desire) to pursue such a course unless they are expressly required to do so by Councils, as it would be both an assumption of authority over and a gross disrespect to a Committee whose duties are as clearly defined as are those of their own.

Nor can the reference be made for the mere purpose of reporting an ordinance, as that has been already done by the Committee on Claims. If it be then for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any evidence annexed to the report on which to base an appropriation, your Committee can only say that some evidence sustaining items 2, 4, 9 and 10 is thereto annexed, and that documents sustaining a part of the claim of Alderman Thomas Hope Palmer (item 5) were furnished by him, accompanied by a request that he might be permitted to prove the rest of his claim by oral evidence; this, however, your Committee, for reasons which have been given, refused to hear. There is no evidence annexed to the report or referred to therein to sustain items 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8, which, however, your Committee do not mean to impugn in any respect; they merely state the facts which appear or which do not appear in the papers referred to them in compliance with what they conceive to be their instruction.

Your Committee report the bill back as it was committed to them.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
ALFRED DAY,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
JOSEPH TAYLOR.

Feb. 18, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 113.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of Joshua M. Raybold, late Register of Water, soliciting the release of his sureties, report, That they have received a communication from the City Controller (herewith appended) informing that he had examined the accounts of Joshua M. Raybold, and that they are satisfactorily settled.

Also, that having received information from Mr. John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, that as far as his knowledge extends, the accounts of Frederick Emhardt, late a Commissioner of Highways, have been settled. The Committee offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ALFRED DAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOHN P. VERREE,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR.

Feb. 18, 1858.

RESOLUTION

To release certain securities.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Solicitor be instructed to enter satisfaction on the bond of the securities of Joshua M. Raybold, late Register of Water, and on the bond of Frederick Emhardt, late a Commissioner of Highways.

 APPENDIX No. 114.

 REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC
 LANDINGS AND WHARVES AND MARKET HOUSES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
 of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Joint Committee of Port Wardens, Public Landings, Wharves, and Market Houses, to whom was referred the application of Samuel C. Thompson, former Commissioner of Market Houses, asking compensation for clerk during his incumbence, respectfully report, that after a careful examination, they find that in the Department of Market Houses, established in 1854, until October, 1856, there was paid for clerk hire, the sum of eight hundred and twelve dollars; there was also paid to the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings until its mergerment, September 1856, eight hundred dollars. That the duties were of such nature, that a clerk was indispen-

sable. Your Committee therefore report the annexed bill, and ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
 ALFRED DAY,
 JOHN McMAKIN,
 GEO. WILLIAMS,
 J. K. GAMBLE,
 JOHN P. VERREE,
 ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
 JOSEPH TAYLOR,
 PETER FRAILEY,
 WM. HORROCKS,
 JOSEPH WATERMAN,
 DAVID McCLEAN,
 ADAM MAAG.

Feb. 18, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay Samuel C. Thompson, late Commissioner of Market Houses, for clerk hire and extra services during the period of his office.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, that the sum of five hundred dollars, be and the same hereby is appropriated to pay Samuel C. Thompson, late Commissioner of Market Houses, for clerk hire and extra services, during the period of his said office.

SECT. 2. The Commissioner of Market Houses shall draw warrant for payment of the above appropriation, in accordance with existing ordinances of the City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 115.

COMMUNICATION FROM MOSES H. EMERY, A MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, a “Member of the Board of Health,” hereby respectfully begs leave to enter his most solemn protest against the proceedings in the matter of his impeachment as a member of said Board, now before your Honorable body.

He begs leave to say that he would most willingly avail himself of any opportunity of trial by the Select Council or otherwise, of meeting each and every charge that can be made or has been made by implication or otherwise against him as a “Member of the Board of Health.” Nor would he have any objection whatever to the adoption of the “Report and resolution of the Committee on Law, in regard to the Impeachment of the Members of the Board of Health,” *Provided* there was sufficient time for such trial before the expiration of the term for which the present Select Council was elected, and for which term also he was also elected as a Member of the said Board. Such not being the case, however, the undersigned respectfully represents, that great and palpable injustice would be done to him in case of his impeachment, grave and utterly unjust charges being made against him by such proceeding, of which no opportunity will be afforded for him to show his innocence nor even for trial by any tribunal, and this proceeding is as he believes directly at variance with the spirit of the 45th section of a further supplement to an act entitled—“An Act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia.” The undersigned does, therefore, respectfully enter his protest against any measure, the result of which will be to indict or impeach him for crime or misdemeanor for the trial of which charges no opportunity for defence will be allowed him.

MOSES H. EMERY,
20th Ward.

APPENDIX No. 116.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that there are still a number of outstanding warrants which have been endorsed by the City Treasurer, upon which interest is accumulating, for which there is no appropriation ; and as that officer is also constantly compelled to pay interest and costs on judgments obtained against the City on warrants and other claims, your Committee have comprised these objects in the ordinance which is herewith submitted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
JOHN P. VERREE,
WM. P. HACKER.

March 4, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants, and interest and costs on judgments obtained on City warrants, and interest on arrears of ground rents.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the interest which has accrued on warrants heretofore endorsed by the City Treasurer, and the interest and costs on judgments obtained on City warrants, and interest on arrears of ground rents due by the City of Philadelphia.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of this appropriation shall be drawn by the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 117.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution releasing from the lien of a judgment, a certain lot of ground therein described, belonging to Henry Bickley, report, That having inquired into the facts, they are satisfied that the security of Henry Bickley, contractor for cleaning the district is ample, and therefore recommend the adoption of the said resolution.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
ALFRED DAY,
W. P. HACKER,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
JOHN P. VERREE.

March 4, 1858.

RESOLUTION

To release certain property of Henry Bickley, from the lien of a judgment hereinafter mentioned.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized, and required on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment entered on the nineteenth day of October, 1857, in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the Eastern District, to January Term, 1858, No. 105, wherein the City of Philadelphia is plaintiff, and Henry Bickley and others are defendants, the hereinafter described property owned by Henry Bickley, one of the said defendants, provided the other defendants in said judgment consent thereto.

A certain yearly rent or sum of fifty-one dollars and twenty cents is issuing and payable half yearly on the first of January and July in each year, out of and for

the certain lot or piece of ground situate on the north side of Barker Street (which runs westwardly from Sixteenth Street, lately known as Schuylkill Seventh Street, and between Market and Chestnut Streets,) in the City of Philadelphia, beginning at the distance of one hundred and fifty feet eastward from the east side of Seventh, (late Schuylkill Sixth Street) and containing sixteen feet in front or breadth on said Barker Street, and extending of that width northwardly forty feet in length or depth to a sixteen feet wide alley on the rear leading westward into said Seventeenth Street. Being the same ground rent reserved by the said Henry Bickley and wife in a certain indenture dated the 4th day of June, 1856, recorded in Deed Book R D W, No. 103, page 121, &c., *provided* that all expenses of publication, &c., attending the passage of this resolution shall be paid by the parties asking such release before the same shall be executed.

APPENDIX No. 118.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of Wm. V. McKean, late Register in the Department for supplying the City with water, asking a release of his securities, and having submitted a communication from the City Controller, containing also a receipt from the City Treasurer, (herewith attached) showing that the said Wm. V. McKean has settled his account. The Com-

mittee, therefore, offer the annexed resolution, and recommend its adoption.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
 ALFRED DAY,
 W. P. HACKER,
 JOHN F. MASCHER,
 JOSEPH TAYLOR,
 ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
 JOHN P. VERREE.

March 4, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby authorized to cancel the bond of Wm. V. McKean and sureties, late Register of Water.

755 SOUTH NINTH STREET, }
 Philadelphia. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
 of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the City Controller, showing the settlement of my accounts as Register of the Department for supplying the City with water, and the balance found due to the City; and a receipt from the City Treasurer showing the payment of that balance.

I respectfully ask such action by your honorable body as will release my securities.

Respectfully,
 WM. V. McKEAN.

[Copy.]

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 Phila., Feb. 9th, 1858. }

Having examined the accounts of Wm. V. McKean, Register of Water, from January 1st to March 31st, 1857, inclusive, as appears in the Permit, Ferrule, Repair, Decline, Pipe and Cash Books of the Depart-

ment for supplying water, and compared the same with the Treasurer's Receipts and the accounts in this Department, I find he has collected three hundred thousand three hundred and sixty-seven $\frac{45}{100}$ dollars, and paid to the City Treasurer in the same period three hundred thousand one hundred and seventy-five $\frac{1}{100}$ dollars, leaving a balance of one hundred and ninety-two $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars yet remaining to be accounted for by him, less one $\frac{87}{100}$ dollars overpaid by him in 1856.

Certified Feb. 9th, 1858,

\$190 57. (Signed) S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

[Copy.]

Received, Philadelphia, Feb. 10, 1858, from Wm. V. McKean, late Register of Water, the sum of one hundred and ninety $\frac{57}{100}$ dollars, being the balance due by him to the City of Philadelphia, as per the above statement.

For Wm. V. McGRATH,

City Treasurer,

\$190 57. (Signed) F. B. NIMMOCKS.

APPENDIX No. 119.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

The Special Committee of this Council, to whom was referred the Preamble and Resolution offered by Mr. McMakin, on the 25th February, 1858, in reference to the Guardians of the Poor, respectfully report, That under the terms of the reference, the Committee do not see that they are called upon to investigate any of the circumstances attending any action which may have been taken by the Board of Guardians regarding

the introduction of gas into the Alms House. For it must be observed in passing, that as yet no official information has reached Council that any action whatever has been taken on the subject by the Board of Guardians. So, too, as to the employment of carriages by the Board of Guardians.

As to the action of Councils proposed by the Resolution referred to this Committee, your Committee cannot see that any practical or useful effect would be attained by adopting such action. If the City is legally liable for expenditures made in the manner alleged in the Resolution, no amount of advertising, nor any number of "Cautions" or personal notices, would release the City from that liability. If, on the contrary, the City is not legally liable, it will add but little strength to her defence of unjust claims, to show that advertisements cautioning "the public" have been inserted in one or more newspapers. If parties are so anxious to get contracts for doing public work, or to be employed in rendering services to individual members of public bodies, as to be careless or recklessly disregarding of the authority under which the alleged contracts are given out, or the services stipulated for, and by this means suffer loss, the fault is their own, and the City cannot be held liable. Parties who undertake to perform labor, or render services for public bodies or persons who undertake to contract not on their personal responsibility, but as representing others in some fiduciary capacity, must see for themselves that there is a proper authority conferred on the parties with whom the contract is immediately entered into, to bind others than themselves.

Such being the view of the Committee, they respectfully submit the accompanying resolution and ask its adoption.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
WM. CONRAD.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

APPENDIX No. 120.

Read in Place by Mr. Stevenson, March 11th, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the release of damages for opening streets, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, Whenever it is desired that any street laid upon any of the plans of the City shall be opened, it shall be lawful for the persons desiring to have the same opened to give notice thereof to the Chief Commissioner of Highways, whose duty it shall be, in conjunction with the Chief Surveyor and Engineer, to examine such street so proposed to be opened, and make an estimate of the damages which the owners of the ground to be taken by such street may sustain by the opening thereof; and it shall be the duty of the said Chief Commissioner to recover from the owners of the ground through or over which such proposed street may pass, releases or agreements in such form as the City Solicitor shall approve or prepare, releasing or indemnifying the City from the payment of damages to such owners or others for or on account of the opening of the said street.

SECT. 2. That the said Chief Commissioner of Highways, in conjunction with the said Chief Surveyor and Engineer, shall also make an estimate of the cost for grading such street, which will be incurred by the City in case the said street should be opened and graded, and it shall be the duty of the said Chief Commissioner of Highways, to receive from the persons desiring to have such street opened any instrument in writing which the City Solicitor shall advise, binding such persons to defray the cost or expense of grading and paving such street. *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall apply to the grading and paving of all streets now opened, which are not graded and paved, and the like proceedings shall be had as in the opening of new streets in regard to grading and paving the same, as is provided for in this Ordinance.

SECT. 3. That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioner of Highways, after such estimates shall have been made, to make report to the Common Council of the City, of the application for opening such street with the estimates so required as aforesaid, to be made together with such releases or agreements drawn as aforesaid and received by him. And he shall also report where such street is situated, how it will if opened be connected with other streets already opened, and how near such street will be to parts of the City already built, and his opinion of the importance and value to the City of such street if opened.

SECT. 4. That in case the City Councils shall by ordinance order such street to be opened, or give notice thereof, then such releases and agreements so taken by the Chief Commissioner of Highways as aforesaid, shall become binding upon the parties thereto.

APPENDIX No. 121.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance submit the annexed ordinance to make an appropriation to pay six months salaries of the officers attached to the Board of Health, for the year 1858.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
WM. P. HACKER,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
JOHN P. VERREE,
ALFRED DAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN.

March 11, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay six months salary of the officers of the Board of Health.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia; do ordain, That the sum of seven thousand four hundred and fifty-two dollars and fifty cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following six months salaries to officers in the Board of Health, for the first part of the year 1858, viz. :—

Salary of Health Officer, six months, at the rate of \$1,200 per annum,	\$600 00
“ “ Clerk, six months, at the rate of \$1,200 per annum,	600 00
“ “ Assistant Clerk, six months, at the rate of \$600 per annum,	300 00
“ “ Messenger, six months, at the rate of \$540 per annum,	270 00
“ “ Four Assistant Messengers, six months, at the rate of \$540 each, \$2,160 per annum,	1,080 00
“ “ Port Physician, six months, at the rate of \$800 per annum,	400 00
“ “ Runner, six months, at the rate of \$360 per annum,	180 00
“ “ Six Bargemen, six months, at the rate of \$1,260 per annum,	630 00
“ “ Lazaretto Physician, six months, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum,	750 00
“ “ Quarantine Master, six months, at the rate of \$1,000 per annum,	500 00
“ “ Steward at Lazaretto, six months, at the rate of \$975 per annum,	487 50
“ “ Two Nurses, six months, at the rate of \$300 per annum,	150 00
“ “ Seven Bargemen, six months, at the rate of \$1,050 per annum,	525 00
“ “ Two Inspectors of Vessels, six months, at the rate of \$160 each, \$320 per annum,	160 00

Salary of Matron, six months, at the rate of \$400 per annum,	200 00
“ “ Three Nurses, six months, at the rate of \$166 66 cts. each, \$500 per annum,	250 00
“ “ Watchman, six months, at the rate of \$240 per annum,	120 00
“ “ Physician, six months, at the rate of \$500 per annum,	250 00
Total,	<hr/> \$7,452 50

Provided, That the City Controller shall not countersign any warrant in favor of any of the said officers, whose duty it is to collect and receive public moneys, until such officer has fully accounted to the Controller for all moneys that have come into his hands by virtue of his office, and has paid all such moneys to the City Treasurer; and *provided* farther, that no part of the said appropriation shall be used for any other purpose than for the payment of salaries as is provided for in this Ordinance.

SECT. 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 122.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance have had the following Bills submitted to them, contracted in the year 1857, the appropriation for a part of which lapsed before the accounts were presented for payment. It is proper to say, that the increased expenditure in

the item of printing has been caused by the extra printing for the Committees appointed to investigate the Board of Health, Trustees of the Gas Works, and Changing the Name of the Streets, &c.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
JOHN P. VERREE.

March 11, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay deficiencies contracted in the year 1857, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of twelve hundred and forty-nine dollars and sixty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following claims contracted in the year 1857.

1. To pay B. Franklin Jackson, for printing, five hundred and fifty dollars.
2. To pay Crissy & Markley, for printing, three hundred and forty-five dollars and seventy-five cents.
3. To pay James Gibbons, for printing, one hundred and eighty-five dollars and ninety-two cents.
4. To pay John Kiehl & Son, for crape and gloves for members of Councils, to attend the funeral of Abraham B. Kauffman, late member of Common Council, thirty-five dollars.
5. To pay R. McCloskey, for carriages furnished Police and Special Committees, eight dollars.
6. To the Department of Law, to pay contingent expenses in suit of Kane & Shaeffer, against the City, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

SECT. 2. Warrants for items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the appropriation shall be drawn by the Clerks of Councils, and for item 6 by the City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 123.

COMMUNICATION FROM WM. H. SQUIRE, M.D.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—Having last Spring received, unsolicited by me, the nomination of my fellow citizens, to serve as their representative in the Board of Health. Subsequently, I had the honor to be elected a member of that body. A short time after the organization of the present Board, Council deemed it advisable to order an investigation into the affairs, &c., connected with that department. Of the alleged frauds developed, I have no personal knowledge. I have honestly and honorably represented my Ward to the best of my ability. Notwithstanding, I find my character assailed in such a manner that I deem it a duty to myself and friends, and to relieve myself from any future odium in the matter, to most respectfully petition your Honorable body, as an act of justice, to grant the following, That if I have been guilty in the opinion of Council of dishonesty, &c., in office, articles of impeachment may be made out and I brought to trial immediately. If, on the other hand, there are no charges affecting my character as an upright and honorable representative in that body, Council, or the Finance Committee, may officially give publicity to that fact which alone will enable me to maintain the same position before my fellow citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, as when I took my position in that body upon the 6th day of July last.

Yours, respectfully,

WM. H. SQUIRE, M.D.

Germantown, March 8, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 124.

AN ORDINANCE,

Supplementary to An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water, for the year 1858.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That so much of item 34, of the first section of the ordinance to which this is a supplement, as requires that all digging or excavation for the laying of pipe be done by contract, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 125.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Select Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of citizens of the Fourth Division of the Twenty-first Ward, asking Councils to change the place of voting, report in favor of the prayer of the Petitioners and offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

JOHN BROMLEY,
MICHAEL ARNOLD,
ALFRED CREASE.

March 11, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the place of holding the election in the Fourth Division of the Twenty-first Ward, be removed from the Lock-up-House to Snyder's Congress Hall, at the corner of Main and Cotton Streets.

APPENDIX No. 126.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Common Council
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance of Common Councils, respectfully report back the resolution from the Committee on Schools, which was referred to them as reported by that Committee, and ask that it be adopted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
EDW. S. HANDY,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ALFRED DAY,

March 11, 1858.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Schools, to whom was referred the resolution of the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools, requesting authority to charge certain bills contracted in 1857, and reported to the Board since the close of the year, to the appropriations made to the Board for the year 1858, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the passage of the following resolution.

JOSEPH TAYLOR, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM NEAL,
C. McDONOUGH,
CALEB S. WRIGHT,
RICHARD PARKER,
EDWARD T. MOTT,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
THEODORE CUYLER.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Board of Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania be, and they are hereby authorized to draw upon the appropriations made to the Board, for the support of the Public Schools for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, to the amount of four thousand two hundred and thirteen dollars and eighty-five cents, to pay bills of the Sectional Boards contracted in 1857.

APPENDIX No. 127.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that bills to the amount of \$19,623 19, contracted by the Department of the Guardians of the Poor, and which remained unpaid at the end of the year 1857, have been referred to them for examination. Of the appropriation made to that department there remained unexpended at the end of the year \$9,492 78. If, therefore, the bills referred to the Committee are all allowed, the Guardians of the Poor will have exceeded the amount appropriated to that Department for 1857, by \$10,130 41.

Your Committee are fully aware of the delicacy of the duty imposed upon them which is to say, 1st, Whether an appropriation for this excess should be made at all, and 2d, If such appropriation is proper whether all bills approved of by the Board of Guardians should be passed, or whether your Committee should

exercise a discretion in relation to such as they deem unwarranted.

It would be a good rule to establish that no department should incur any liability beyond the amount of the appropriation made to it at the beginning of the year without first coming to Councils for an increased allowance. It is the only rule which will relieve the community from irregular, uncertain and onerous taxation. As if a Department may expend whatever amounts it thinks proper without regard to the sum which Councils conceive to be sufficient for the expenses of that department, and the duty of Councils is not to discriminate, but simply to provide the money to pay these expenditures, it is evident that the discretion of the Department and not that of the City Councils really regulates expenditures; that the Departments of Poor, Health, Prisons, and of the City Commissioners are bounded in their expenditures only by their own prudence and discretion. Your Committee, after as careful a scrutiny as the imperfect means of verification within their reach admitted of, have determined to recommend an appropriation of \$16,635 60, which will cover the whole of the bills which have been sent to them for examination, except those which appear to be entirely unjustifiable.

Your Committee have rejected all the bills for carriage hire, amounting to \$666 75, as an appropriation of \$1000 was made for this purpose, which was, they think ample, and all that should have been expended. A bill of Baldwin, Linderman & Co., for \$420 50 for tape, thimbles, buttons and cotton, seems to your Committee so extravagant that they cannot recommend its payment; and a bill of Henry Markes, for \$108, for extra salary is also rejected, as an appropriation of all that was asked for salaries and wages was made in the appropriation bill of March 30, 1857, for that year. A number of bills amounting to \$887 42, charged to Charles Murphy, who is the House Steward at the Almshouse, and numbered 1757, 1818, 2021, and 2022 are, in many of the items, of such doubtful propriety that they have been rejected; and three bills numbered

1538, 1819 and 1720, for \$183 each are likewise rejected for the same reason.

Bills to the amount of \$355 92, rendered by Aldermen to the guardians in Bastardy and support cases, are now being considered by the City Solicitor, and if approved of by him will be introduced into a subsequent Ordinance. These bills, and those of which your Committee cannot approve, amount in the aggregate to two thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$2,987 59), which sum deducted from nineteen thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars and nineteen cents (\$19,623 19), leaves the sum of sixteen thousand six hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty cents (\$16,635 60) to be appropriated, for which sum an Ordinance is herewith submitted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
ALFRED DAY,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
JOHN F. MASCHER.

March 18, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of certain expenses of that Department incurred in 1857.

SECTION 1. That the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of sixteen thousand six hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty cents be, and the same hereby is appropriated to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of the following bills incurred by that Department in 1857, viz.:—

Item	2. John Hinckle,	\$2518 26
"	2. Philip Gaffney,	1302 48
"	2. John Jones,	1302 48
"	3. Thomas Fair,	63 84
"	3. Peter Melloy,	33 75
"	3. G. S. Dempsey,	223 89

Item	3. Jordan & Brother,	78 72
"	3. Jordan & Brother,	98 67
"	3. G. M. Growell,	23 35
"	3. A. H. Graham & Co.,	60 00
"	3. P. Melloy,	28 80
"	6. Wm. Hillary,	294 68
"	6. B. A. Fahnestock & Co.,	312 50
"	6. J. C. Baker & Co.,	745 84
"	6. Z. Locke & Co.,	128 13
"	6. Cannon & Brother,	7 31
"	6. Powers & Weightman,	446 07
"	6. Wetherill & Brother,	43 13
"	6. A. F. Hazard & Co.,	735 30
"	6. Chas. Shivers,	60 00
"	6. J. Broadbent,	56 87
"	6. French, Richards & Co.,	67 25
"	7. W. B. Thomas & Co.,	22 50
"	7. Thomas J. Martin,	75 91
"	9. John Quinn,	78 00
"	10. Fitzpatrick & Wood,	151 87
"	10. Lewis Bitting,	30 00
"	10. Patterson & Doane,	90 65
"	11. Geo. W. Flanigan,	191 25
"	11. Jas. Sloan,	268 75
"	12. Geo. Snowden,	28 00
"	12. J. H. Gemrig,	4 00
"	12. Thos. Snowden,	28 61
"	13. P. H. Miller,	27 19
"	21. John Havens,	253 82
"	24. J. H. Sprague & Co.,	105 14
"	24. French & Richards,	15 02
"	27. Joseph Fleming,	252 16
"	30. W. McMullen,	26 55
"	30. J. Kelsh,	45 75
"	30. Chas. Urian,	46 47
"	32. John Lancaster,	46 00
"	33. Saml. Schober,	71 03
"	33. P. McKenna,	131 29
"	33. E. McGovern,	16 00
"	33. Thos. E. Baxter,	22 31
"	33. P. McKenna,	123 47

Item	33. E. McGovern,	30 26
"	33. D. Donohue,	54 25
"	33. E. McGovern,	27 00
"	33. P. Rodgers,	46 00
"	34. J. R. Gheen & Co.,	9 11
"	35. J. B. Braddock,	187 25
"	36. Thos. Chadwick,	352 30
"	37. Dr. P. Megary,	44 00
"	37. Thos. R. Bitting,	16 52
"	37. Tully & Brown,	165 18
"	37. French & Richards,	22 76
"	40. Pennsylvania Institute for Blind,	205 22
"	43. Jordan & Brother,	2 00
"	43. N. H. Graham,	2 00
"	43. Peter Melloy,	3 00
"	43. Thomas Fair,	1 00
"	43. S. Schober,	1 00
"	43. J. Havens,	1 00
"	43. Jordan & Brother,	2 00
"	45. George Boon,	57 36
"	45. Chas. Wilhelm,	19 08
"	45. J. Whetham,	18 22
"	56. Baldwin, Linderman & Co.,	20 00
"	56. Chas. R. Abel,	115 00
"	56. Jos. Whetham,	6 58
"	56. Hugh Gamble,	24 54
"	72. Jas. Galbraith,	415 25
"	73. Edmund Brewer,	71 50
"	75. Wm. Tate,	33 00
"	82. Philadelphia Democrat,	5 25
"	82. Evening Argus,	30 40
"	82. W. M. Christy,	61 18
"	82. B. F. Jackson,	604 33
"	82. Bicking & Guilbert,	230 30
"	82. Evening Journal,	15 50
"	82. Swain & Abel,	11 26
"	82. Pennsylvanian,	6 00
"	83. Edmund Brewer,	44 50
"	85. Thos. Rourke,	131 50
"	87. Peter Melloy,	48 75
"	87. Michael Tilon,	16 25

Item	87. Lewis Kugler,	81 87
"	87. Thos. Fair,	21 00
"	89. S. Fagan,	47 50
"	89. M. Dalton,	18 50
"	89. B. McDonald,	12 00
"	89. J. Redmond,	69 25
"	89. Jas. Carey,	16 75
"	91. A. S. Crawford,	44 75
"	92. C. C. Wampole,	125 71
"	93. Josh. Wright,	71 50
"	93. R. Jameson,	137 00
"	93. R. & F. Atmore,	130 25
"	93. P. O'Conner,	123 00
"	95. Alex. Dales,	491 00
"	95. W. R. McKinley,	144 50
"	96. E. W. Gorgas,	37 35
"	97. Thos. Judge,	81 50
"	98. Jas. Montague,	24 60
"	99. M. Megary,	138 50
"	99. W. Kelly,	86 00
"	99. Jas. Armstrong,	23 25
"	101. Lloyd & Hill,	104 00
"	101. P. J. Hoopes,	44 92
"	103. W. McGlenshy,	15 00
"	103. P. McGlenshy,	8 00
"	103. W. Morrison,	15 75
"	103. Jos. Shantz,	14 00
"	103. F. G. & V. J. Frazer,	177 77
"	103. W. H. Patten,	73 49
"	103. J. Montgomery,	12 00
"	103. C. Frazer, (repairs to Seventh Street Building),	48 00
"	103. Mitchell & Ore,	10 50
"	103. E. Brewer, (cleaning office),	39 00
"	103. C. U. Schlater, (gas for office),	15 93
"	103. M. Sachenmaier, (iron bedsteads),	240 00

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn in accordance with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 128.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF RICHMOND GAS COMPANY.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the requirements of the Charter of the Richmond Gas Company, the Treasurer respectfully submits the following report.

Phila., Jan. 11, 1858. REESE D. FELL,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE RICHMOND GAS COMPANY, }
No. 305 Walnut Street, Philada. }

To Cash received for Gas sold, private consumption, \$1,244 50	By Balance, \$100 02
* " " for Gas sold, public consumption. 387 46	Cash paid, Dividends, 296 80
" " for service account, 274 45	Do. Paving, 17 64
" " for int. on pipes, 350 00	Do. Advertising, 5 87
" " for int. City war., 3 86	Do. Printing Gas bills and book, 6 12
	Do. Stationery, 3 24
	Do. Labor on meter and service, 262 40
	Do. Interest on pipes, 300 00
	Do. Smith work, 2 12
	Do. Tubing, 219 64
	Do. Lead and lead pipe, 20 27
	Do. Meters and repairing pipe, 457 00
	Do. Meter cocks, 81 50
	Do. Lumber, 14 04
	Do. Salary, 75 00
	Do. State tax, 243 22
	Do. Affirming statements, and 1 ream paper, 4 25
	Balance, 157 14
<u>\$2,260 27</u>	<u>\$2,260 27</u>

1858. To balance, \$157 14

* Three months' public consumption yet due by the City.

REESE D. FELL, Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 129.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee, to whom was referred the petition from the citizens of the Third Division of the Sixth Ward, asking that the Division House be changed, have made the necessary inquiry, and have obtained the consent of the proprietor of the King of Prussia Hotel, Race Street, above Second, for the purpose of holding elections, public meetings, &c.

They submit the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

JOHN McMAKIN, *Chairman*,
ROBERT PALETHORP,
PETER MAISON,
JOHN B. MAKINS.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the proprietor of the present Division House of the Third Division of the Sixth Ward, has positively refused to permit the further use of his house for election purposes without compensation, which the City Commissioners will not allow. Therefore be it

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Division House, or place of holding elections in the Third Division of the Sixth Ward, shall be changed to the house of Wm. A. Thorp, Race Street, above Second Street.

APPENDIX No. 130.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance ask leave to submit the two resolutions annexed to this report: one releasing Hugh Gamble, late a Collector of Taxes, and his sureties, if his accounts should be found correct; and the other authorizing the Receiver of Taxes, to continue to employ four temporary clerks for one month, from the first of April next.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the resolutions.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
EDWARD S. HANDY,
ALFRED DAY,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN.

March 11, 1858.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Solicitor be, and he hereby is required to enter satisfaction upon the judgment on the official bond of Hugh Gamble, Collector of Corporation Taxes, for Third Ward, Moyamensing, for 1853. *Provided*, that the City Controller shall first certify that his accounts have been satisfactorily settled.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That four of the eight temporary clerks now employed in the office of the Receiver of Taxes (to be selected by him) be, and the same are hereby continued until the 1st day of May, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 131.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report the annexed bill, for the payment of several small claims against the City, and recommend that it be passed.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
EDWARD S. HANDY,
ALFRED DAY,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN.

March 25, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the claim of Eli K. Price, and certain other claims against the City of Philadelphia, incurred during the years 1855, 1856 and 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of two hundred and sixty-eight dollars and nineteen cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following claims against the City, viz.:—

1. Eli K. Price, for professional services in relation to surveys in Blockley, and expenses of advertising, plans, &c., eighty-four dollars and eighteen cents.
2. John Watts Barnes, for making out list of Taxables in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Divisions of the Twenty-third Ward, for the year 1858, twenty-five dollars and eighty-five cents.
3. Daniel Harkins, for rent of room for election in November, 1856, in 7th Precinct, Nineteenth Ward, five dollars.

4. Dr. William H. Freeman, balance due for services as vaccine physician in Sixth and Fourteenth Wards, from Jan. 29, 1856, to Jan. 29, 1858, forty-one dollars and sixty-six cents.
5. Dr. James McFadden, for services as vaccine physician, Twelfth Ward, from Jan. 19, 1857, to April 19, 1857, twelve dollars and fifty cents.
6. Henry J. Fougerey, for extra services rendered to the Finance Committee, in their investigations of the affairs of the Board of Health, one hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. Warrants for these appropriations shall be drawn as follows:—Item 1, by the City Surveyor; 2 and 3, by the City Commissioners; 4 and 5, by the President of the Board of Health; and 6, by the Clerks of Councils.

APPENDIX No. 132.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., upon various petitions referred to them, asking for the paving of certain streets, submit herewith a resolution authorizing the same to be paved.

They also report the usual resolution authorizing the Highway Department to grade the said streets preparatory to the paving thereof. It has from a very early period been the practice, that whenever the owners of property desired to pave a street, the District would grade the cartway if too high, to a level with the top of the curb-stone.

Generally, when a street is about to be paved there is very little grading to be done; and when owners of property at their own cost and expense are willing to make a substantial and permanent roadway, it would seem to be the duty of the City to give aid and countenance to the improvement by doing the necessary grading.

They have also reported a resolution to authorize the Highway Department to proceed with the paving of certain streets which are important thoroughfares, and upon which it is doubtful whether a majority of the owners of property can be obtained to favor the paving. Such cases will sometimes occur, and when they do it is proper that the City should exercise the power vested in it by law of directing the paving to be done, and the cost thereof to be charged to the owners.

They have also reported a resolution, authorizing the department to pay one hundred dollars to finish the grading on Robeson Street, in Manayunk. Two hundred dollars was appropriated toward this grading last Fall; and recently, some of the Committee, with the Chief Commissioner of Highways, have visited the ground, and they unite in the opinion that one hundred dollars more ought to be paid to finish and complete the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,

GEO. WILLIAMS,

PETER FRAILEY,

CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,

JAMES BURNS,

JOHN F. DEAL,

JOHN M. FORD,

March 18, 1858. G. W. SCHOFIELD,

RESOLUTION

To authorise the paving of Jarvis Street and other streets, and for other purposes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property or

a majority thereof, fronting on Jarvis Street, from Front to Second Streets, Shippen Street, from Gray's Ferry Road to Sutherland Avenue, in the First Ward; Richie Street, from Catharine to Rose Street, in the Third and Fourth Wards; Meredith Street, from Beech to Carbon Street, in the Seventh Ward; Fifteenth Street, from Hamilton to Centre Street, Fifteenth Street, from Coates Street to Ridge Avenue, Ann Street, from Nineteenth Street to Ridge Avenue, Linn Street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-fourth Street, Biddle Street, from Twenty-third to Twenty-fifth Street, and Ringgold Street, from Pratt to Brown Street, in the Fifteenth Ward; Union Street, from Bedford to West Street, in the Eighteenth Ward; Sergeant Street, from Frankford Road to Emerald Street, in the Nineteenth Ward; and Columbia Avenue, from Eleventh to Broad Street, in the Twentieth Ward; are hereby authorized to pave the same, which said paving shall in each case be done by a competent paver, to be approved by the Highway Department, and the work shall be carefully superintended by the proper officer of the department while the same is in progress, and the water pipe shall be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with one or more competent paver or pavers, for the paving of Davis Street, from the point to which it is now paved, westward to Ontario Street, and of Stiles Street, from the point to which it is now paved, westward to Ontario Street, and of Ontario Street, from Girard Avenue northward to Thompson Street, and of Girard Avenue, from Sixth to Eighth Street, all which streets are in the Twentieth Ward. One of the conditions of the contracts for paving said streets shall be, that the contractor doing the work will collect and receive the cost and expenses of the said paving from the owners of property fronting on the said streets respectively, and that the City shall not be liable for any charge consequent upon such paving except for the intersections of streets; and the Highway Department is hereby au-

thorized to do the grading in the streets named in this and the foregoing resolution, necessary to be done therein, preparatory to the paving thereof.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to pay the sum of one hundred dollars, to finish and complete the grading of Robeson Street, from the Turnpike to the Canal in Manayunk, in the Twenty-first Ward, and to charge the same to item number three of the appropriation made to the said department by the Ordinance approved, January 18th, A. D., 1858.

APPENDIX No. 133.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., respectfully report, That some weeks since a Resolution, passed by Select Council, directed them to inquire into the expediency of rescinding a resolution adopted some three months ago, directing the Highway Department to give notice of the opening of Stiles, Davis and Ontario Streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Upon receiving this resolution, the Committee requested the Chief Commissioner of Highways to examine the locality, which he has done, and in a written statement made to the Committee, he says: "The condition of Ontario Street, from Girard Avenue to Thompson Street, Stiles Street, from Thirteenth to Ontario Street, and Davis Street, from Thirteenth to Ontario Street, is such as to render it absolutely necessary that they should be opened as speedily as possible.

Davis and Stiles Streets are both improved with a number of good dwelling-houses, and the people are put to great inconvenience for want of an outlet westward from Thirteenth Street. Ontario Street is opened and improved south of Girard Avenue."

And the Committee are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient to rescind the resolution, giving notice of the intention to open the said streets, and that the public exigency requires that they should be opened at the earliest convenient period. And they are also of the opinion that the advantages to the owners of the property, through which the said streets will pass, are such that a jury of inquest will not award any damage.

They, therefore, submit herewith an Ordinance, to authorize the opening of the said streets, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 GEORGE WILLIAMS,
 PETER FRAILEY,
 CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
 JAS. BURNS,
 JOHN F. DEAL,
 JOHN M. FORD,
 G. W. SCHOFIELD.

March 16, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the opening of Ontario, Davis and Stiles Streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Whereas, By a resolution of Councils, approved, December 7th, 1857, notice was duly given on the Twelfth day of December last, to the owners of the ground through and over which the streets hereinafter named are laid out, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils would order the said streets to be opened for public use, as authorized by the seventh section of an Act of Assembly, approved, April 21st, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and the said time of three months having elapsed; Therefore,

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That Davis Street and Stiles Street, from the point to which they are now each respectively opened westward to Ontario Street, and Ontario Street, from Girard Avenue to Thompson Street, in the Twentieth Ward, be, and the same are hereby directed to be opened for public use, as streets or highways. And the Highway Department is hereby authorized and required to cause all obstructions within the limits of the said streets to be removed, and the same to be thrown open for public travel.

APPENDIX No. 134.

REPORT OF POLICE COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of John K. Murphy, late Marshal of Police, for reimbursement of amounts paid him during his term of office, for keep of horse, repairs to carriage, &c., and of F. W. Binder, Police Magistrate of the Ninth District, for services rendered officially from August 15, 1856, to August 15, 1857, respectfully report, an Ordinance for the payment of the same, and ask its adoption.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
A. J. HOLMAN,
JOHN THOMPSON,
GEORGE W. WOLF,
EDWARD T. MOTT,
CHARLES MCNEAL,
THEOPHILUS CUYLER,
WILLIAM BRADFORD.

March 25, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation, to pay the claims of John K. Murphy, late Marshal of Police, and F. W. Binder, Police Magistrate of the Fifteenth Ward.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of eleven hundred and seventy-one dollars and fifty-two cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the following claims against the corporation.

1. John K. Murphy, for keep of horse, repairs to wagon and harness, during his term of office as Marshal of Police, seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and ninety cents.
2. F. W. Binder, for services rendered as Police Magistrate of the Fifteenth Ward, (Ninth District) from August 15, 1856, to August 15, 1857, three hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty-two cents.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Mayor, in accordance with existing Ordinances.

 APPENDIX No. 135.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of numerous citizens of the Fourth Fire District, asking for the erection of additional signal boxes in said District, respectfully report, That they have given the subject their careful consideration, and find that this

District is too sparsely provided with this useful adjunct to the Fire Department, and report the accompanying Ordinance, and ask its adoption.

Your Committee propose to locate the signal boxes in perforations made in the fronts of the houses of the several Fire Companies, in such a manner that the Companies may have the benefit of the fire signals inside of the houses, whilst at the same time they will be prevented from operating or meddling with the boxes. The boxes to be operated from the outside of the houses by proper persons specially appointed for that purpose, as now is the case. This arrangement will more effectually protect the boxes from the depredation of wicked persons, as well as from the weather, whilst at the same time they will, by this arrangement, be located more conveniently to the public; for it is to be presumed that the houses of the Fire Companies are located where the services of said Companies are most wanted.

Your Committee have selected one Fire District only, because there is not enough left of the loan to "pay for the contract price of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph of August 23d, 1855," to introduce it into all the Fire Districts; and they have selected the Fourth District, because it is located so far from the central station bell, that it can scarcely be heard, and because that although it embraces more territory than the three first Districts combined, and already contains nearly so many inhabitants; and from the nature of things, this section of the City is destined in a few years to enormously increase both in population, wealth, and destructible property by fire.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,

JACOB MOYER,

JOSEPH WATERMAN,

SETH AUSTIN,

WM. NEAL,

JOHN P. VERREE,

PETER MAISON.

March 25, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay for the introduction of telegraph signal boxes into the houses of certain Companies.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of eight thousand one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, for the purpose of placing two signal boxes on the Germantown Road, north of Franklin Avenue, and in so many houses of the Fire Companies of the Fourth Fire District as the said sum will procure.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, when due, according to the terms of the contract.

SECT. 3. Upon the delivering of such warrants, countersigned by the City Controller, to the City Treasurer, the said City Treasurer shall issue and deliver to the person or persons in whose favor the same may be drawn, or to their order, certificates of City debt to the amount expressed in such warrant, which certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an Ordinance, approved, August 23d, 1855, entitled, "An Ordinance, to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of Road Damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph."

 APPENDIX No. 136.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Select Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of citizens of the Sixth Precinct

of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking Councils to change the place of voting, report in favor of the prayer of the Petitioners, and ask its adoption.

H. R. KNEASS,
THOS. T. BUTCHER.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the present place of holding the election in the Sixth Precinct of the Twenty-fourth Ward is, by reason of its small size, and absence of necessary accommodation for the offices of election, an inconvenient and unsuitable place for such purpose;

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the place of holding the election in the Sixth Division of the Twenty-fourth Ward, be removed to the Ohio House, situate at the South East corner of Market and William Streets, in the said Division.

APPENDIX No. 137.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Poor, to whom was referred the resolution of the Board of Guardians of the Poor and sundry petitions, asking Councils for authority to expend one half of the remaining fourth of the appropriation for out-door relief, which, according to the appropriation bill, cannot be expended before the 1st day of July, 1858.

Your Committee deem it unadvisable and unnecessary to draw further at this time upon the appropriation

for out-door relief, inasmuch as the Ward Relief Associations have, by their noble and generous exertions, raised during the past four months upwards of \$40,000, and disbursed it in food, coal and clothing; and as the severity of the winter having passed, the weather now become mild and pleasant, which consequently brings with it a revival of business and employment for the mechanic and the laboring man.

Your Committee, therefore, report adverse to the resolution and petitions, and offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

JOHN M. MAKIN, *Chairman*,
A. K. COLHOON,
ROBERT KELTON,
JOHN G. SCHUCH,
N. NATHANS,
WM. NEAL,
GEORGE WM. KELLER.

March 25, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

APPENDIX No. 138.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKET HOUSES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Market Houses respectfully report, That they have had under consideration the Petition of citizens, asking that certain portions in Market Street be appropriated for the sale

of all kinds of fish, and submit the following Ordinance, and ask its adoption,

FRANCIS McMANUS, *Chairman*,
 ADAM MAAG,
 JOSEPH WATERMAN,
 DAVID McCLEAN,
 PETER FRAILEY,
 J. K. GAMBLE.

March 25, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the sale of all kinds of fish at the west ends of the Market Houses, at Fourth, Seventh and Seventeenth Streets, on Market Street, in the City of Philadelphia. •

SECTION 1. It is ordained and enacted, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That from and after the passage of this act, the west ends of the Market Houses, located between Third and Fourth Streets, Sixth and Seventh Streets, and Sixteenth and Seventeenth Streets, on Market Street, in the City of Philadelphia be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the sale of all kinds of fish, subject to the regulations provided for by existing ordinances for the sale of fish.

APPENDIX No. 139.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE RECEIVER OF TAXES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully ask that an appropriation of \$1,200 be made to this department, to defray the expense of making out the duplicates of the Personal Taxes, for the Aldermen of the several Wards, in accordance with the duty enjoined upon the Receiver of Taxes, by the Act of Assembly, approved the 16th day of April, 1857; Pamphlet laws, page 221, No. 265. To wit:—

That hereafter the list of taxable persons required by existing laws, to be furnished to the officers of all general and municipal elections, and the list of taxable persons required to be posted in the several election divisions by the assessors, and the list of taxable persons required to be furnished to the various Aldermen by the Receiver of Taxes, shall be that of the last assessment filed in the City Commissioners' office, previous to such general or municipal election, by the assessors of the several Wards.

The duplicates required to be furnished by this Act, were made out by the clerks in this department last season, without any cost to the City, although there was an appropriation made to this department to defray the expense thereof. Of the same amount now asked for, (and anticipating that no change would be made in the number of clerks employed, which number are essentially requisite to perform the duties enjoined upon them, and to afford the proper facilities to tax payers, to pay their taxes,) I did not include this item in my estimate of the amount required to defray the expense of this department for the present year.

In view of the action of Councils at their last meeting, reducing the number of receiving clerks to eight on this date, and to only four on the 1st of May, it will be impossible to furnish these duplicates. I would,

therefore, respectfully request that the sum asked to be appropriated for that purpose, may receive your favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, your ob't. serv't,
PETER ARMBRUSTER,

April 1, 1858.

Receiver of Taxes.

APPENDIX No. 140.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of the Kensington Fire Engine Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department, respectfully report favorable thereto, and ask the adoption of the annexed resolution.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
SETH AUSTIN.

April 1, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the services of the Kensington Fire Engine Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

APPENDIX No. 141.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of the Resolution Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department, respectfully report favorable thereto, and ask the adoption of the following resolution.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JOHN B. MAKINS,
M. A. BOYLE,
JOSEPH WATERMAN,
JACOB MOYER,
SETH AUSTIN,
O. P. CORNMAN.

April 1, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the services of the Resolution Hose Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

APPENDIX No. 142.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of the “Hand in Hand,” and Mechanic Engine Company,

asking for back appropriations, and E. N. Craighton's bill, for services to the steam engine "Young America," respectfully report the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,

SETH AUSTIN,

JACOB MOYER,

JOHN B. MAKINS,

O. P. CORNMAN,

JOSEPH WATERMAN.

April 1, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to include seventy-eight dollars and twenty-two cents, being the amount due Mr. Edward N. Creighton, for salary as engineer to the steam engine Young America; and the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount of back appropriation due the Hand in Hand Fire Company; and also the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount due to the Mechanic Fire Company, for back appropriation, in the general "Deficiency Bill."

APPENDIX No. 143.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Poor, to whom was referred the resolution instructing the City Solicitor to apply for an injunction in the matter of introducing gas into the Almshouse, beg leave to report, That they have given a careful consideration to the

questions of difference between Councils and the Guardians of the Poor.

And from every point of view it appears to the Committee that the Board of Guardians are wanting in that respect which is due to the ordinances of Councils.

They have openly set Councils at defiance, by the direct violation of the Ordinance, in continuing the use of carriages for conveyance to and from the Almshouse, while the appropriation is for omnibus tickets alone.

They have, without authority, and in direct violation of Ordinance, advertized for and received bids for the introduction of gas fixtures into the Almshouse, awarded the contract, the work of which is partially finished. Thus evincing their utter disregard of Ordinance and provisos.

The Committee will take this opportunity to say that they are fully impressed with the conviction, that could there be that wholesome restriction exercised over the expenditures of the Department of the Poor that is had over the various other departments of the City government, an economy might be established that would save to the tax payers fifty thousand dollars per annum, which, taking into consideration the oppressive burthen of tax is of much importance to them; Therefore,

Your Committee think that the proper time has arrived to test the question of authority, and the relative powers of Councils, and the Board of Guardians, as well as other similar bodies elected by the people who repudiate the control of Councils.

They report back the resolution, and ask its adoption.

JOHN McMAKIN, *Chairman*,
JOHN G. SCHOCH,
WILLIAM NEAL,
N. NATHANS,
THOS. I. POTTS,
GEO. WM. KELLER,
JOHN P. VERREE,
ROBT. KELTON.

April 1, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Solicitor be, and is hereby instructed to apply for an injunction to prevent the Guardians of the Poor, as well as Messrs. Smeeton & Brother, from proceeding to introduce gas into the Almshouse, and that he cause notice to be given to the said parties that the City will not be responsible if they undertake to proceed with the work.

APPENDIX No. 144.

Read in Place by Mr. KANE, April 1st, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of certain culverts or drains on the lines of Second, Wood, Emerald, Norris and Oxford Streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the owners of property situate on the lines of Second, Wood, Emerald, Norris and Oxford Streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, are hereby authorized to construct the following culverts or drains, viz. :—

First. From York and Emerald Streets, south-westwardly on Emerald Street to Front Street, thence westwardly on Wood Street to the west side of Washington Street, four feet circular diameter, with a branch from the intersection of Second Street and Wood Streets, northwardly on Second Street, one thousand feet, three feet diameter.

Second. From Norris and Howard Streets, westwardly on the line of Norris Street to the west side of Washington Street, four feet diameter, with branches from Second and Norris Streets, northwardly on Second Street, five hundred and seventy-five feet, two-and-a-half feet diameter, and four hundred and twenty-five feet, twenty inches diameter; also, a branch from Second and Norris Streets, southwardly, on Second Street, five hundred and fifty feet, three feet diameter, and two hundred feet, twenty inches diameter.

Third. From Clinton and Oxford Streets, westwardly on Oxford Street to the west side of Second Street, three feet diameter, with a branch on Second Street, northwardly from Oxford Street, five hundred and fifty feet, three feet diameter, and five hundred feet, two feet diameter, to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Highways. *Provided*, before the said culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant with the City of Philadelphia, to build it at their own expense, and upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECT. 2. The said culvert when completed shall become the property of the City without condition, saving and excepting, that should a permit to make a drain to said culvert be hereafter granted by the City, to a person or persons who have not contributed to the expense of constructing said culvert, then and in such case the parties constructing the same, under this Ordinance, are hereby authorized to demand of the person or persons to whom such permit shall be granted, such part of the original cost thereof as shall be proportionate to the frontage of his, her or their property

thereon: and in case of neglect or refusal to pay said sum, they may sue for, and collect the same. *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such culvert shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Surveys. *And Provided also*, that the annual charge or rentage shall be paid as specified in "Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into Common Sewers," approved May 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 145.

Read in place by Mr. KANE, April 1st, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain, on the line of Merchant and Robertson Streets, northward from Thompson Street, in the Twentieth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the owners of property situate on Merchant and Robertson Streets, (the latter being an extension of the former street,) in the 20th Ward, are hereby authorized to construct a culvert or drain, to commence at and intersect the culvert at Thompson Street, to extend northward along Merchant and Robertson Streets, to the north side of Jefferson Street; to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Highways. *Provided*, before the said culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant with the City of Philadelphia, to build it at their own expense, and upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECT. 2. The said culvert when completed shall become the property of the City without condition, saving and excepting, that should a permit to make a drain to said culvert, be hereafter granted by the City, to a person or persons who have not contributed to the expense of constructing said culvert, then and in such case the parties constructing the same, under this Ordinance, are hereby authorized to demand of the person or persons to whom such permit shall be granted, such part of the original cost thereof as shall be proportionate to the frontage of his, her or their property thereon; and in case of neglect or refusal to pay said sum, they may sue for, and collect the same. *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such culvert shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Surveys. *And Provided also*, that the annual charge or rentage shall be paid as specified in "Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into Common Sewers," approved May 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 146.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CHESTNUT STREET
BRIDGE, SUBMITTED BY MR. KANE, APRIL 1, 1858.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with an invitation extended to us by your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, we have had the pleasure of examining the plans for a Bridge over the Schuylkill River at Chestnut Street, presented at the Department of Surveys to compete for premiums specified in Ordinance

entitled, "An Ordinance calling for plans and estimates for a Bridge over the Schuylkill at Chestnut Street," approved November 2d, 1857, and in conformity with Section 3 of said Ordinance, we herewith transmit a list of plans submitted, with the private mark attached to each.* The Commission, not feeling authorized to open the private communications accompanying other than the preferred plans, are unable to extend the list beyond that hereunto attached, and would add, that after selecting three plans, as preferred, from the mass before us, with reference to *their general merits* in arranging the premium gradation, we have assumed as a basis, the cost of a structure that would afford a *safe highway* at a minimum of cost, at the same time without intending to be understood that such plan, so presented for first premium, would necessarily receive the sanction of this Commission as the best plan that could be adopted, or, such as should be built under the auspices of the City of Philadelphia, at the site proposed; and it would also be proper to state, that the *estimates presented* are quoted, excluding the cost of foundations, masonry, &c., and that the Commission have not deemed the estimates so presented, conclusive to *them* either as to the cost or value of the superstructure.

The designs submitted, embraced five different classes of Bridge Superstructure, viz.:—The Cast Iron Arch, Wrought Iron Truss, Wrought Iron Arch, Stone and Suspension, the two last named being excluded from premium allotment, the former, on account of cost, the latter, for want of that stability which may be considered as an essential requisite.

No. 1. *Wrought Iron Truss*. This we believe to be the cheapest of the forms of Bridge submitted, combining strength, permanency, and indestructibility by fire, no arch being introduced, only a minimum of masonry is usually required. The plan before us is well proportioned in all its parts, which are so disposed as to afford a maximum of strength with the smallest amount of material, having such arrangements for adjustment as to give each and every part its proper

functions to perform, without requiring great experience for its proper care. The cost of two spans of superstructure as estimated by the designer, is, \$73,813 17

No. 2. *Cast Iron Arch.* The principle involved in this class of Bridge, renders an increase of masonry necessary, beyond that of a truss without an arch, and having the same proportion of versed sine to chord, increases as the spans are extended, unless the height of lower chord on truss is such as to require a weight of masonry to resist the forces it will necessarily be subjected to, that will be adequate for an arch abutment. This plan has the advantage of *great stability*, with an open uncovered highway, with an estimate as returned by "Veritas," of \$89,684 00

No. 3. *Wrought Iron Arch.* The plan presented is a bold design, giving a single span of four hundred feet, with a rise, or versed sine, of fifty feet, the roadway being to a great extent, suspended from a wrought iron tubular arch. This plan, particularly for a single arch, would be attended with more difficulties in construction and erection, than either of the others, requiring, to render it efficiently secure, the most exacting care in workmanship and selection of materials. In point of stability of roadway (a characteristic most desirable), it is not equal to either plan previously alluded to, reversing, as it does, the fifth of our classification, by the use of an arch instead of a catenary; and even should the undulatory motion be prevented, the oscillatory could not entirely be guarded against. The estimate, as returned by the designer for this Bridge, is \$115,000 00

In connection with this, it is due to the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of your City, to state, that a plan prepared by that gentleman, and submitted among the other drawings, without any intimation as to the source from whence it came, received our unqualified approval for its architectural beauty, arrangement of detail and applicability to the site in question; but, not having been intended for competition for premium, we can but give it this passing notice. Its cost as estimated, is singularly coincident with that of "Veritas."

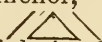
We, therefore, present you the following allotment for premiums, as authorized by the Ordinance.

No. 1. Anchor.	F. C. Lowthorpe, Esq.,	\$400 00
2. Veritas.	E. Durang, Esq.,	250 00
3. Trio Juncta in Uno.	T. S. Stewart, Esq.,	100 00



Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)	JOHN C. CRESSON,	} Members of the Commission.
	J. EDGAR THOMPSON,	
	ASHBEL WELCH.	

WROUGHT IRON TRUSS.

	<i>Marks.</i>	<i>Number of Spans.</i>
1.	Anchor,	Two.
2.	 Tubular Girder, }	"
3.	Suspension Truss,	"
4.	G. J. H.,	"
5.	Double Utility,	"
6.	W. W.,	"
7.	M. M. White,	"

CAST IRON ARCH.

8.	Eagle Bridge,	One.
9.	"Cast Iron Arch,"	Two.
10.	 "	"
11.	"Veritas,"	"
12.	R.,	"
13.	"Peronette,"	"
14.	 "	"
15.	Phoenix,	Three.

WROUGHT IRON ARCH.

16.	No. 321,	Two.
17.	All Wrought Iron,	"
18.	Trio Junta in Uno,	One.
19.	" " "	Two.

STONE ARCHES.

20.	1st Prop'n. Encl'd. 1 B.,	"
21.	J. M. A. B.,	"
22.	Box 119, Harrisburg,	Three.
23.	Telford,	"

SUSPENSION.

24.	Diminish,	One.
25.	Tubular,	Two.

APPENDIX No. 147.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GIRARD ESTATES.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned members of the Committee on the Girard Estates, from Common Councils, to whom was referred the Ordinance from Select Council, making an appropriation for “the improvement” of the eastern front of the City, and for other purposes, report, That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage with the following amendments. To the second Section insert between the words “for” and “permanent” “completing the,” and strike out “to the estate” in the last line, and insert “on north side of Brown Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets,” so that the Section will read as follows.

SECT. 2. That the further sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, out of the balance of the residuary fund be, and the same is hereby appropriated for *completing the permanent improvement on the north side of Brown Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets.*

April 1, 1858.

THOMAS WILMER,
JAMES HUTCHINSON,
J. K. McILWAIN,
WM. C. HENSZEY.

APPENDIX No. 148.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF PORT WARDENS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, respectfully ask the attention of your bodies to an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the Cleansing of the Docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill fronts of the City of Philadelphia," approved, April 25th, 1857, and beg to report the annexed named Docks, as *requiring immediate attention*, coming within the requisition of said Ordinance.

Memorandum of Docks that require dredging, viz.:

Docks, north and south side of Queen Street Wharf.

Docks, north and south side of Mercer's Wharf,
1st wharf, below Mead Alley.

Docks, north and south side of John Mason's Wharf,
1st wharf, below Almond Street.

Dock, south side of Tatham & Brother's Wharf,
1st wharf, below South Street.

Dock, north side of Tatham & Brother's Wharf,
1st wharf, below South Street.

Dock, adjoining wharf of Perot & Hoffman, between
Arch and Race Streets.

All the Docks between Race and Vine Streets.

Dock, next above Vine Street.

Dock, north side of Heron's Wharf, above Vine Street.

Dock, second one above Dock Street.

The greater number of the above Docks are generally occupied by vessels of large class, and which at low water are aground, exposing them to great hazard in case of fire upon the wharf, or amongst the shipping in the neighborhood.

JOS. E. HARNED,
Master Warden.

DANL. M. SCHELLINGER,
Clerk of Board of Wardens.

APPENDIX No. 149.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY CONTROLLER.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—In pursuance of the request in your Resolution, relative to auditing the books and accounts of the late and present Receivers of Taxes, approved March 27, 1858, I have made the inquiries necessary to ascertain the “additional requirements,” to enable this Department to perform that duty.

The importance to the City of the service contemplated in the Resolution of Councils cannot be too highly estimated; and, therefore, when it is commenced, it is essential to a thorough settlement of said accounts, that the examination should proceed without interruption or delay until it is completed, and that the clerks appointed to perform the duty should not be changed except for neglect or other good cause.

The duty will be one of much labor, and I have ascertained, through the experience acquired during the partial examination of some of said books and accounts, made under the auspices of your Finance Committee, in the early part of the past year, that, to do the work efficiently, two clerks must act together; and to bring it to a close within any reasonable time, will require the selection of four experienced persons. I, therefore, recommend that Councils authorize this Department to employ the number of clerks herein designated, to act in accordance with the foregoing suggestions, and make provision for their payment.

It is proper that I should state that the books and accounts of John M. Coleman, late Receiver of Taxes for the year 1854, were audited by my predecessor, and that the remainder of said books and accounts, as well as those of the present Receiver, Peter Armbruster, are all in the Receiver's Office ready for examination.

Very respectfully, your ob't. serv't.,

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Phila., April 8, 1858.

S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

APPENDIX No. 150.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY CONTROLLER.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—I have examined the books and vouchers, and audited and settled the accounts of John N. Henderson, Esq., late Health Officer, with the City of Philadelphia; and that officer having paid the City Treasurer the balance due the City, I have counter-signed a warrant for the payment of his salary for the months of January and February. There is still due him \$64 53 for salary for the first twenty days of March, but as he had paid out of the receipts of the office the sum of \$66 50 for transporting a vessel with fever on board, from the City to the Lazaretto, and for removing a nuisance, which could not be allowed in the settlement of his accounts for want of an appropriation from which it could be paid, the amount due him has been retained—he having paid to the City Treasurer the difference between the sum expended and that due him for salary—until Councils make an appropriation to meet said bills.

The contracting and payment of these bills were, in my judgment, clearly unavoidable by Mr. Henderson, and were forced upon him by the obligations and duties of his office. I, therefore, earnestly recommend that Councils make an early appropriation of \$66 50 to meet them, and thus enable him to draw the remainder of his salary.

Very respectfully, your ob't. serv't.,

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Philada., April 8, 1858.

S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

APPENDIX No. 151.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF PHILADELPHIA }
FIRE DEPARTMENT, April 8, 1858.

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the provisions of the 8th Section of the Ordinance passed January 30, 1855, entitled, “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a quarterly report for the quarter ending March 31, 1858, of the number of fires, alarms, amount of loss, and loss over insurance.

The number of fires that have occurred during the quarter is 96, the estimated loss upon which is \$106,045, upon which there is an insurance of \$79,205, leaving a balance of an uninsured loss of \$26,840.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

STATEMENT

DATE. 1858.	LOCATION.	DISTRICT.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	LOSS ON	
					Real Estate	Personal Estate.
Jan'y	1 Beach st. bet. Spruce & Pine sts.	1	Stable,	Incendiarism.	\$ 100	
"	2 Mead street below Front.	1	Dwelling,	Accidental.		
"	4 Washington Avenue.	6	Barn,	Accidental.	700	400
"	5 Alarm caused by the upsetting of a pot of tar.	4				
"	5 Pleasant above Eleventh street.	3	Stable,	Incendiarism.	75	
"	6 Pearl st. bet. 17th and 18th sts.	3	Carpenter shop,	Incendiarism.		
"	6 Apple near Venango street.	5	Two dwellings,	Defective flue.	150	50
"	8 Alarm caused by smoke issuing from Wardsworth's Church.	2				
"	9 Alarm caused by ringing of Good Will Hose Bell.	2				
"	9 Alarm caused by ringing of Good Will Hose Bell.	2				
"	10 Alarm caused by ringing of Western Hose Bell.	2				
"	11 Alarm caused by ringing of Good Will Engine Bell.	2				
"	12 Buckius lane.	5	Unoccupied brick building,	Incendiarism.		
"	12 Above Holmesburg.	5	Two barracks of hay,	Incendiarism.		300
"	12 Second st. near Reading Railroad.	4	Unoccupied frame dwelling,	Incendiarism.	300	
"	13 Alarm caused by smoke from Factory Front and Harrison.	4				
"	14 Alarm caused by ringing of Humane Engine's Bell.	3				
"	14 Chestnut st. above Thirteenth.	2	Fancy goods store and dwelling.	Accidental.	150	700
"	17 Front above Franklin Avenue.	4	Protection hook and ladder house.	Accidental.		
"	18 Market street above Eleventh.	2	Clothing store.	Accidental.	100	3000
"	19 S. E. cor. of Elbow lane & Third st.	2	Military trimmings & fancy goods store.	Accidental.	2500	37500
"	19 Washington street wharf.	1	Counting house,	Incendiarism.		
"	20 Vine street near Ninth.	3	Segar store, stock, &c.,	Accidental.	150	500
"	21 South street near Eleventh.	1	Stable.	Incendiarism.	50	
"	21 Second street near Spruce.	2	Trimmings store,	Accidental.		500
"	22 Back of 1034 Locust street.	2	Unoccupied dwelling,	Incendiarism.		
"	23 Bingham's court.	2	Roof of a dwelling,	Defective flue.		
"	23 Chimney at the S. W. cor. of Ninth and George streets.	2				
"	24 Market street near Bridge.	2	Dwelling,	Accidental.		
"	24 Fiftieth and Lexington streets.	7	Barn, stock, &c.,	Incendiarism.	2000	3000
"	26 Willow street above Eighteenth.	1	Stable,	Incendiarism.	50	150
"	26 Gray's Ferry R. & Maiden lane.	1	Unoccupied frame building,	Incendiarism.	400	
"	27 Back of Broad & Fitzwater sts.	1	Rubbish in a dwelling,	Accidental.		
"	28 Shippen above Eleventh.	1	Cooper shop,	Accidental.		
"	30 West side of Third bet. Race st.	2	Fancy dry goods store,	Incendiarism.	300	8000
"	30 Charlotte above Brown.	4	Roof of a dwelling,	Accidental.		
"	30 Alarm caused by a bon fire.	3				
"	30 " " " " " at Pine street wharf.	1				
Feb'y	1 Fifteenth and Federal streets.	1	Counting house,	Incendiarism.	30	
"	2 Washington st. bet. 6th and 7th.	1	Stable,	Incendiarism.	60	120
"	9 Buckius lane.	5	Brick building,	Incendiarism.		
"	9 Alarm at 15th and Market sts.	2				
"	10 Fifteenth and Filbert streets.	2	Dwelling,	Accidental.		
"	10 Marriott's lane near Fourth.	1	Roof of a dwelling,	Defective flue.		
"	11 Alder below Thompson street.	4	Dwelling,	Accidental.		100
"	11 Cherry street near Sixth.	2	Shavings in a carpenter shop,	Accidental.		
"	11 Thirteenth and Walnut streets.	2	Roof of a dwelling.	Defective flue.		

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estate	Personal Estate.		
Harbet & Davis.	Harbet & Davis.	\$ 100		Delaware Mutual.	[fling. Damage tri-
Trickel's Estate.	Trickel's Estate.	400		Germantown Mutnal.	
Wm. Muller.		75		Franklin.	Do.
Anthony Smith.	J. Sage & Dohman.	150		Fire Association.	
					Do.
Samuel C. Bunting.		300		No insurance. Fire Association.	
O. Kelly.	Glenn & Co., Chas. Haivard.	150	550	Reliance & Pennsylvania.	
City of Philadelphia.	Lewis Hayno.	100	3000	Spring Garden, Penna.	Do.
Wm. L. Mintzer & others.	Wm. L. Mintzer & others.	2500	32300	Delaware Mutual & others.	
Klapp Estate.	R. Cressman.	150	500	Del. Mutual & Green Tree.	
John Hopper.	Ann Potts.	50	500	Fire Association. Commonwealth.	Do. Do.
					Do.
Jesse George.	George Hall.	1000	1200	Lycoming & Phila. Live Stock.	
George Gordon.				No insurance.	Do.
A. M. Eastwick.				No insurance.	
					Do.
J. R. Sowers.	J. W. Hillegas.	300	8000	Hand in Hand, Common- wealth.	Do.
James Harper.				No insurance.	
J. L. Smith.	J. L. Smith.			No insurance.	Do.
					Do.
	J. C. Wetherby.			No insurance.	Do. Do. Do.

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DATE. 1857.	LOCATION.	DISTRICT.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	LOSS ON	
					Real Estate	Personal Estate.
Feb'y. 12	Twenty-third and Market sts.	2	Drug store,	Carelessness.	\$ 100	2500
"	13 Race street above Third.	2	Chair manufactory,	Accidental.		300
"	13 Twelfth and Pleasant streets.	3	Factory.	Accidental.		
"	14 Second and Dock streets.	2	Furniture store,	Incendiarism.	30	
"	18 Owen street below Sixth.	1	Bake house,	Accidental.		30
"	18 N. W. cor. of 7th & South sts.	1	Distillery and stable,	Accidental.	200	200
"	18 Chimney (in Pratt street).	1				
"	18 Jones street near Twenty-first.	2	Stable,	Carelessness.		
"	19 Race st. bet. Ninth and Tenth.	2	Bake house,	Accidental.	75	
"	20 Alarm caused by the burning of the ship "Diamond State" on the wharf at Camden.					
"	20 Alarm.	2				
"	20 Alarm.	2				
"	21 Alarm (Western Hose Bell).	2				
"	21 Chatham st. ab. Buttonwood.	3	Dwelling.	Accidental.		80
"	23 Broad and Fitzwater streets.	1	Stable and three horses,	Incendiarism.	50	400
"	23 Back of Frankford bridge.	5	Barn.	Incendiarism.		
"	24 Ronaldson street.	1	Two dwellings,	Carelessness.	300	250
"	25 Chimney (6th & Washington sts.)	1				
"	25 Eighth and Carpenter streets.	1	Dwelling.	Accidental.		
"	25 Frankford street.	5	Stable,	Incendiarism.	500	
"	26 Apple above Master street.	4	Cotton factory,	Accidental.		
"	26 Ninth & Little Washington sts.	1	Dwelling.	Accidental.		
"	27 Eighth and Race streets.	3	Fancy goods store,	Carelessness.	25	40
"	27 Second ab. Washington street.	1	Stable.	Accidental.	50	100
"	28 Rear of Market st. ab. Eighth.	2	Crates filled with crockery,	Incendiarism.	20	450
"	28 Rear of Main st. Frankford.	5	Barn. stock, &c.,	Incendiarism.	1200	300
"	28 S. W. cor. of 12th and Market sts.	2	Grocery and furniture stores,	Defective flue.	300	2000
"	28 S. W. cor. of 10th and Spruce sts.	1	Grocery store,	Defective flue.	1200	25
March 1	Fifteenth and Brown streets.	4	Dwelling.	Accidental.		
"	2 Eighth below Chestnut.	2	Morocco case manufactory,	Incendiarism.	75	
"	3 Pearl below Broad.	2	Roof of a frame dwelling,	Defective flue.	50	
"	4 Third street below Arch.	2	Clothing store.	Caught from a cigar.	10	
"	5 Brown's court bel. Edward st.	4	Carpet manufactory,	Accidental.	50	150
"	5 Canal at Manayunk.	6	Canal lime boat,	Incendiarism.		1600
"	6 Queen street near Wood.	4	Shed.	Incendiarism.		
"	7 Reed street near Sixth.	1	Hay press, stables, &c.,	Incendiarism.	2500	2500
"	7 Front street near Hazel.	1	Shed.	Accidental.		
"	8 Hall street near Tenth.	1	Dwelling.	Accidental.	100	50
"	9 Zane street above Seventh.	2	College of Pharmacy,	Incendiarism.	150	450
"	9 Alarm caused by smoke issuing from Bulletin Building.	2				
"	10 Alarm (bon fire in Dock street).	2				
"	12 Nixon and Callowhill streets.	3	Navigation stables,	Incendiarism.		
"	13 Alarm, fire alarm box 11th and Lombard opened.	1				
"	13 Market st. south side bel. 12th.	2	Liquor store and manufactory,	Accidental.	200	2400
"	14 Garden above Willow street.	3	Slaughter house and stable,	Incendiarism.	150	300
"	14 Second st. N. W. of Frankford.	5	Barn, stock, &c.,	Incendiarism.	3000	2000
"	14 Alarm (Western Hose Bell).	2				
"	14 Eleventh and Cherry street.	2	Bake house,	Accidental.		
"	15 Alarm (U. S. Engine's Bell).	3				
"	16 Alarm caused by a fire in Montgomery County.	4				
"	16 Eleventh near Cherry street.	2	Bake house,	Accidental.		
"	17 Alarm (pile of brush).	5				
"	17 Alarm (South East Fire Bells).	2				
"	18 24th and Callowhill streets.	3	Screw bolt manufactory,	Incendiarism.	1000	3000
"	18 Chimney (Eighth and Locust).	2				

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.—CONTINUED.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estate	Personal Estate.		
M. Tobias.	J. W. Simes. Christopher Hasmer.	\$ 100	2500 300	Franklin. Fire Ass'n & Continental.	[fing. Damage tri-
	M. Tobias.	30	30	Franklin.	
	F. Mayer.	200	200	Franklin.	
Thos. Rupp.		75		Spring Garden.	Do.
John McQuaid.	Dr. Isaac Landis. John McQuaid.	50	80 400	Manufacturers. Farmers & Mechanics.	Do.
Robt. Turner & Eliza Duram.	Walter Hall & C. Dickson.	300		Fire Association.	
Enoch Arthur.		200		Bucks County Mutual.	Do.
John Smart.	C. Knepp & Co.	25	40	Spring Garden.	Do.
John Pickering.	John Pickering.			No insurance.	
Aikens & Co.	Aikens & Co.			No insurance.	Do.
George Wolmarth.	George Wolmarth.			No insurance.	
Morris Patterson.	R. Lickett & S. Smucker.	300	2000	Franklin.	Do.
John C. Shute.	Robert Scott.	1200	25	Girard & Franklin.	
James Chew.		75		Franklin.	Do.
James Pritchett.		50		Franklin.	
Horstman & Co.		100		Pennsylvania and others.	Do.
	Jos. Douty.			No insurance.	
	Joseph Pierson.			No insurance.	Do.
C. L. Hughes.	C. L. Hughes.	2500	2300	Kensington and others.	
Jos. Peters.	Ann Rogers.	100		Franklin.	Do.
Trustees of Col. of Pharmacy.	Trustees of Col. of Pharmacy.	100	450	Franklin & Fire Ass'n.	
					Do.
Girard Estate.	J. Menough & Benj. Douglin.	200	1400	Girard & Commonwealth.	Do.
Ann Farrell.	Lawrence Yeager.			No insurance.	
Samuel C. Ford.	Samuel C. Ford.	2500	1000	Ger. Mu. & Hand in Hand.	Do.
Edward Shipley.	James Skelley.	1000		Franklin.	Do.

STATEMENT

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					Real Estate	Personal Estate.
March 20	Alarm (Humane Engine's Bell).	3				
" 21	Cox st. bet. Locust bet. 8th & 9th.	2	Dwelling,	Accidental.	25	
" 21	Fourth below German street.	1	Carpenter shop,	Incendiarism.	10	15
" 21	Chimney (Arch st. near Third).	2				
" 21	Chimney (13th and Carlton sts.)	3				
" 22	Broad and Buttonwood streets.	3	Shavings in a foundry,	Accidental.		
" 22	20th and Montgomery streets.	4	Stable,	Incendiarism.	25	25
" 23	Bradford's alley above Seventh.	1	Dwelling,	Accidental.	10	15
" 23	Chester and Lemon streets.	3	Grocery store,	Accidental.	10	25
" 24	Alarm (fire in Camden).	2				
" 24	Lazy lane near Bibery.	5	Barn, live stock, &c.,	Incendiarism.	500	250
" 26	Wheat Sheaf lane.	5	Grease manufactory,	Accidental.	25	25
" 26	Alarm (Fourth District Bells).	4				
" 27	Oak st. bet. Bridgewater & Man- sion.	7	Stable, shed, barrels and dwellings,	Incendiarism.	625	700
" 27	Front street below Navy Yard.	1	Lumber Yard,	Incendiarism.		600
" 28	Oxford Plank Road ab. Frank'd.	5	Barn, stock, &c.,	Incendiarism.	4500	4400
" 28	Oxford st. bet. 10th and 11th.	4	Roof of a brick kiln,	Accidental.		
" 30	Rekindling of ruins of Oxford Plank Road fire.	5				
" 30	Alarm (fire in Camden).	2				
" 30	Rear of 15th below Race street.	2	Stable,	Incendiarism.		
" 30	Roxborough.	6	Barn, stock, &c.,	Incendiarism.	1200	1000
" 31	S. E. cor. of 8th and St. Mary sts.	1	Dwelling,	Carelessness.	50	25
" 31	Eighth street below Federal.	1	Dwelling,	Accidental.		

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.—CONCLUDED.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estate	Personal Estate.		
J. Redman, Cox. James Clymer.	James Clymer.	25		Hand in Hand. No insurance.	[filing. Damage tri-
Andrew Lowry. William Faulkner. John F. Burke.	Andrew Lowry. Richard Price. John F. Burke.			No insurance. No insurance. No insurance.	
George E. Weiss. John Wilcox.	Stephen Ford. John Wilcox.		250	Bucks County Mutual. No insurance.	
Benj. Pugh & Leech Estate.	C. Presser, & J. & P. Klunder, and others.	400		Franklin.	Do.
A. Benton & Co. Jas. Deveraux.	A. Benton & Co. Jas. Deveraux	4500	600	Franklin. Bucks County Mutual.	
Geo. W. Smick. Collins, West.	Jos. McClure. A. G. Sickell.	1200 50	1000 25	Bucks County Mutual, Pa.	Do. Do.

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY THE SEVEN DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Loss.	Insurance.	Loss over Insurance.
First Fire District, -	\$ 9,640	\$ 8,130	\$ 1,510
Second do. -	61,925	55,055	6,870
Third do. -	5,405	1,925	3,485
Fourth do. -	650	300	350
Fifth do. -	17,200	8,600	8,600
Sixth do. -	4,900	2,600	2,300
Seventh do. -	6,325	2,600	2,725
Total,	\$ 106,045	\$ 79,205	\$ 26,840

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and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the 16th Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 30, 1855, entitled, "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the number of fires that I have attended during the quarter ending March 31, 1858, and with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours respectfully,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Sworn and Subscribed before me, this eighth day of
April, A. D. 1858.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Jan. 1	1	Beach st. bet. Spruce and Pine.	Present.
" 2	1	Mead below Front.	Out.
" 4	6	Germantown Avenue.	No al. f'm State H.
" 5	4	Alarm (pot of tar) 8th & Master sts.	Out.
" 5	3	Pleasant street above Eleventh.	Present.
" 6	3	Pearl street between 17th and 18th.	do.
" 6	5	Apple street near Venango.	Not alarmed.
" 8	2	Alarm (Wardsworth Church).	do.
" 9	2	Alarm (smoke in Eutaw street).	Out.
" 9	2	Alarm (Good Will Hose Bell).	Out.
" 10	2	Alarm (Western Hose Bell).	Out.
" 11	2	Alarm (Good Will Engine's Bell).	Not alarmed.
" 12	5	Buckius Lane.	do.
" 13	5	Above Holmesburg.	do.
" 13	4	Alarm (Harrison's Factory).	do.
" 13	3	Alarm (Humane Engine's Bell).	do.
" 14	2	Chestnut street above 13th.	Present.
" 17	4	Front above Franklin.	do.
" 18	2	Market above 11th.	do.
" 19	2	Third opposite Cherry.	do.
" 19	1	Washington street wharf.	At the fire in 3d st.
" 20	3	Vine street near 9th.	Out.
" 21	1	Eleventh and South.	Present.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Jan. 21	2	Second street near Spruce.	Present.
" 22	2	No. 1034 Locust street.	do.
" 23	2	Bingham's Court.	Not alarmed.
" 23	2	Chimney (9th and George).	Out.
" 24	2	Market street near Bridge.	Not alarmed.
" 24	7	Fiftieth and Lexington.	Out.
" 26	1	Willow above 18th.	Present.
" 26	1	Gray's Ferry Road & Maiden Lane.	Not alarmed.
" 27	1	Fitzwater and Broad.	Present.
" 28	1	Shippen above 11th.	do.
" 30	2	Third below Race	do.
" 30	4	Charlotte above Brown.	At above fire.
" 30	3	Alarm (bonfire, Nixon & Callowhill).	Out.
" 31	1	Alarm (bonfire, Lombard st. wharf).	Out.
Feb. 1	1	Fifteenth and Federal streets.	Out.
" 2	1	Washington st. bet. 6th and 7th.	Not alarmed.
" 8	5	Buckius Lane.	do.
" 8	2	Alarm at 15th and Market sts.	Present.
" 10	2	Fifteenth and Filbert streets.	do.
" 11	4	Alder below Thompson.	do.
" 11	1	Marriott's Lane near 4th.	Not alarmed.
" 11	2	Cherry street near 6th.	Out.
" 11	2	Thirteenth and Walnut.	Present.
" 12	2	Twenty-third and Market streets.	do.
" 13	2	Race street above Third.	do.
" 13	3	Twelfth and Pleasant.	do.
" 14	2	Second and Dock.	Not alarmed.
" 18	1	Owen street near 6th.	do.
" 18	1	N. W. cor. of 7th and South.	Present.
" 18	1	Chimney in Pratt street.	Not alarmed.
" 18	2	Jones street near 21st.	Present.
" 19	2	Race st. bet. 9th and 10th sts.	Out.
" 20	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out & present
" 20	2	Alarm.	At fire in Camden.
" 20	2	Alarm.	
" 20	1	Alarm, Western Hose Bell.	Out.
" 21	3	Charlotte street ab. Buttonwood.	Not alarmed.
" 23	1	Broad and Fitzwater streets.	Present.
" 23	5	Back of Frankford Bridge.	Out.
" 24	1	Ronaldson street.	Present.
" 25	1	Sixth ab. Washington, chimney.	do.
" 25	1	Eighth and Carpenter.	do.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Feb. 25	5	Frankford street.	Not alarmed.
" 26	4	Apple street above Master.	Out.
" 26	1	Ninth and Little Washington.	Not alarmed.
" 27	3	Eighth above Race.	Out.
" 27	1	Second and Washington streets.	Present.
" 28	2	Rear of Market above 8th.	do.
" 28	5	Rear of Main street, Frankford.	Not alarmed.
" 28	2	S. W. cor. of 12th and Market.	Present.
" 28	1	S. W. cor. of 16th and Spruce.	do.
Mar. 1	4	Fifteenth and Brown streets.	Not alarmed.
" 2	2	Eighth below Chestnut street.	Present.
" 3	3	Pearl below Broad.	do.
" 4	2	Third below Arch.	Not alarmed.
" 5	4	Brown's Court below Edward.	do.
" 5	6	Manayunk.	do.
" 6	4	Queen street near Wood.	do.
" 7	1	Reed street near 6th.	do.
" 7	1	Front and Hazel streets.	do.
" 8	1	Hall street.	Present.
" 9	2	Zane street bet. 7th and 8th.	Not alarmed.
" 9	2	Alarm, Bulletin Building.	Present.
" 10	2	Alarm, bonfire in Dock street.	Out.
" 12	3	Nixon and Callowhill, stables.	Not alarmed.
" 12	3	Alarm, Western Engine's Bell.	do.
" 13	1	Alarm, box 11th and Lombard.	Out & present
" 13	2	Market above 11th.	Present.
" 14	3	Garden above Willow.	do.
" 14	5	Second st. north of Frankford.	At above fire.
" 14	2	Alarm, Western Hose Bell.	Out.
" 14	2	Eleventh and Cherry streets.	Out.
" 15	2	Alarm, United States Engine's Bell.	Not alarmed.
" 16	7	Alarm, Montgomery County.	Out & present
" 16	2	Eleventh and Cherry streets.	Not alarmed.
" 17	5	Alarm, pile of brush.	Out.
" 17	2	Alarm, South East.	Not alarmed.
" 18	3	Twenty-fourth and Callowhill.	Present.
" 18	2	Chimney, 8th and Locust.	Out.
" 20	3	Alarm, Humane Engine's Bell.	Out.
" 21	1	Cox's Court.	Present.
" 21	1	Fourth below German street.	do.
" 21	2	Chimney, Arch street near Third.	Out.
" 21	3	Chimney, Thirteenth & Callowhill.	Not alarmed.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Mar. 22	3	Broad and Buttonwood.	Out.
" 22	6	Twentieth and Montgomery sts.	Out.
" 22	3	Alarm, Humane Engine's Bell.	Out.
" 23	1	Bradford's Alley.	Not alarmed.
" 23	3	Chester and Lemon streets.	do.
" 24	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out.
" 25	6	Lazy Lane near Biberry.	Not alarmed.
" 26	5	Wheat Sheaf Lane.	Present.
" 26	4	Alarm.	Not alarmed.
" 27	7	Oak bet. Bridgewater and Mansion.	Present.
" 27	1	Front bel. Navy Yard.	do.
" 27	5	Oxford Plank Road.	Out.
" 27	4	Oxford street bet. 10th and 11th.	Not alarmed.
" 27	5	Rekindling of Oxford Pl ^k Road fire.	do.
" 30	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out.
" 30	2	Rear of Race south side bel. 15th.	Out.
" 30	6	Roxborough.	At the ab. alarm.
" 31	1	St. Mary street and 8th.	Present.

(No. 2.)

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Yours, respectfully,

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*Assistant Engineer of the First Division of the Philadelphia
Fire Department.*

Sworn and subscribed before me, this seventh day
of March, A. D. 1855.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1888.			
Jan. 1	1	Beach st. bet. Spruce and Pine.	Out.
" 2	1	Mead below Front.	Present.
" 4	6	Germantown Avenue.	Not alarmed.
" 5	4	Alarm, pot of tar 8th and Master.	Out.
" 5	3	Pleasant street above 11th.	Present.
" 6	3	Pearl street bet. 17th and 18th.	Out.
" 6	5	Apple near Venango.	Not alarmed.
" 8	2	Alarm, Wardsworth Church.	do.
" 9	2	Alarm, smoke in Eutaw street.	Out.
" 9	2	Alarm, Good Will Hose Bell.	Not alarmed.
" 10	2	Alarm, Western Hose Bell.	Out.
" 11	2	Alarm, Good Will Engine's Bell.	Not alarmed.
" 12	5	Buckius Lane.	do.
" 13	5	Above Holmesburg.	do.
" 13	4	Alarm, Harrison's Factory.	Out.
" 13	3	Alarm, Human Engine's Bell.	Out.
" 14	2	Chestnut street above 13th.	Out.
" 17	4	Front above Franklin.	Not alarmed.
" 18	2	Market above 11th.	Present.
" 19	2	Third opposite Cherry.	do.
" 19	1	Washington street near wharf.	do.
" 20	3	Vine street near 9th.	do.
" 21	1	Eleventh and South.	Out.
" 21	2	Second street near Spruce.	Present.
" 22	2	No. 1034 Locust street.	Not alarmed.
" 23	2	Binghan's Court.	Present.
" 23	2	Chimney, 9th and George.	Not alarmed.
" 24	2	Market st. near Market Bridge.	do.
" 24	7	Fiftieth and Lexington streets.	Out.
" 26	1	Willow above 18th.	Present.
" 26	1	Gray's Ferry Road & Maiden Lane	Out.
" 27	1	Fitzwater and Broad.	Out.
" 28	1	Shippen above Eleventh.	Present.
" 30	2	Third below Race.	do.
" 30	4	Charlotte above Brown.	At above fire.
" 30	3	Alarm, bonfire, Nixon & Callowhill.	Out.
" 31	1	Alarm, bonfire, Lombard st. wharf	Out.
Feb. 1	1	Fifteenth and Federal.	Present.
" 2	1	Washington st. bet. 6th and 7th.	do.
" 8	5	Buckius Lane.	Not alarmed.
" 8	2	Alarm at 15th and Market.	Out.
" 10	2	Fifteenth and Filbert streets.	Not alarmed.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS
1858.			
Feb. 11	4	Alder below Thompson.	Out.
" 11	1	Marriott's Lane near 4th.	Present.
" 11	2	Cherry street near 6th street.	Out.
" 11	2	Thirteenth and Walnut.	Out.
" 12	2	Twenty-third and Market street.	Present.
" 13	2	Race street above 3d.	do.
" 13	3	Twelfth and Pleasant.	do.
" 14	2	Second and Dock.	Out.
" 18	1	Owen street near 6th.	Present.
" 18	1	N. W. cor. of 7th and South sts.	do.
" 18	1	Chimney in Pratt street.	Out.
" 18	2	Jones street near 21st.	Out.
" 19	2	Race st. bet. 9th and 10th sts.	Out.
" 20	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out.
" 20	2	Alarm.	Out.
" 20	2	Alarm.	Out.
" 20	1	Alarm, Western Hose Bell.	Out.
" 21	3	Chatham st. ab Buttonwood.	Not alarmed.
" 23	1	Broad and Fitzwater streets.	Present.
" 23	5	Back of Frankford Bridge.	Not alarmed.
" 24	1	Ronaldson street.	Present.
" 25	1	Sixth ab. Washington, chimney.	do.
" 25	1	Eighth and Carpenter.	do.
" 25	5	Frankford street.	Not alarmed.
" 26	4	Apple above Master.	Out.
" 26	1	Ninth and Little Washington.	Present.
" 27	3	Eighth above Race.	Out.
" 27	1	Second and Washington sts.	Present.
" 28	2	Rear of Market above 8th.	do.
" 28	5	Rear of Main street, Frankford.	Not alarmed.
" 28	2	S. W. cor. of 12th and Market sts.	Present.
" 28	1	S. W. cor. of 16th and Spruce.	do.
March 1	4	Fifteenth and Brown.	Not alarmed.
" 2	2	Eighth street below Chestnut.	Present.
" 3	3	Pearl below Broad.	Out.
" 3	2	Third below Arch.	Not alarmed.
" 5	4	Brown's Court below Edward.	do.
" 5	6	Manayunk.	do.
" 5	4	Queen near Wood.	do.
" 7	1	Reed street near 6th.	Present.
" 7	1	Front and Hazel streets.	do.
" 8	1	Hall street.	do.

DATE.		LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1898.			
March 9	2	Zane street bet. 7th and 8th.	Present.
" 9	2	Alarm, Bulletin Building.	do.
" 10	2	Alarm, bonfire in Dock street.	do.
" 12	3	Nixon and Callowhill, stables.	Not alarmed.
" 12	3	Alarm, Western Engine's Bell.	Out & present
" 13	1	Alarm, box 11th and Lombard.	Present.
" 14	2	Market above Eleventh.	Out.
" 14	3	Garden above Willow.	Out.
" 14	5	Second st. north of Frankford.	Out.
" 14	2	Alarm, Western Hose Bell.	Out.
" 14	2	Eleventh and Cherry streets.	Out.
" 15	2	Alarm, United States Engine's Bell.	Not alarmed.
" 16	7	Alarm, Montgomery County fire.	Out.
" 16	2	Eleventh and Cherry streets.	Not alarmed.
" 17	5	Alarm, pile of brush.	Out.
" 17	2	Alarm, South East	Out.
" 18	3	Twenty-fourth and Callowhill.	Out.
" 18	2	Chimney, 8th and Locust.	Not alarmed.
" 20	3	Alarm, Humane Engine's Bell.	do.
" 21	1	Cox's Court.	Present.
" 21	1	Fourth below German.	do.
" 21	2	Chimney, Arch near 3d.	Out.
" 21	3	Chimney, Thirteenth and Carlton.	Not alarmed.
" 22	3	Broad and Buttonwood.	do.
" 22	6	Twentieth and Montgomery.	Out.
" 22	3	Alarm, Humane Engine's Bell.	Out.
" 23	1	Bradford's Alley.	Out.
" 23	3	Chester and Lemon streets.	Not alarmed.
" 24	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out.
" 25	6	Lazy Lane near Biberry.	Not alarmed.
" 26	5	Wheat Sheaf Lane.	Out.
" 26	4	Alarm.	Out.
" 27	7	Oak bet. Bridgewater and Mansion.	Present.
" 27	1	Front below Navy Yard.	do.
" 27	6	Oxford Plank Road.	At above fire.
" 27	4	Oxford street bet. 10th and 11th.	Not alarmed.
" 27	5	Rekindling of Oxford Pl'k Road fire.	do.
" 30	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out.
" 30	2	Rear of Race S. side below 15th.	Out.
" 30	6	Roxborough.	Not alarmed.
" 31	1	Eighth and St. Mary.	Present.
" 31	1	Eighth and Federal streets.	do.

(No. 3.)

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select
and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the 16th Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 30, 1855, entitled, "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the number of fires that I have attended during the quarter ending March 31, 1858, and with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, respectfully,

D. M. LYLE,

Assistant Engineer of the Second Division of the Philada. Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this third day of April, A. D. 1858.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858,			
Jan. 1	1	Beach st. bet. Spruce and Pine.	Present.
" 2	1	Mead below Front.	Out.
" 4	6	Germantown Avenue.	Not alarmed
" 5	4	Alarm, pot of tar 8th and Master.	Present.
" 5	3	Pleasant street above 11th.	do.
" 6	3	Pearl street bet. 17th and 18th.	Out.
" 6	5	Apple street near Venango.	Not alarmed.
" 8	2	Alarm, Wardsworth Church.	Present.
" 9	2	Alarm, smoke in Eutaw street.	Out.
" 9	2	Alarm, Good Will Hose Bell.	Out.
" 10	2	Alarm, Western Hose Bell.	Out.
" 11	2	Alarm, Good Will Engine's Bell.	Out.
" 12	5	Buckius Lane.	Not alarmed.
" 13	4	Second st. near Reading Railroad.	Present.
" 13	5	Above Holmesburg.	Out.
" 13	4	Alarm, Harrison's Factory.	Out.
" 13	3	Alarm, Humane Engine's Bell.	Out
" 14	2	Chestnut street above 13th.	Present.
" 17	4	Front above Franklin.	Out.
" 18	2	Market street above 11th.	Present.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Jan. 19	2	Third opposite Cherry.	Present.
" 19	1	Washington street wharf.	do.
" 20	3	Vine street near 9th.	do.
" 21	1	Eleventh and South.	Not alarmed.
" 21	2	Second street near Spruce.	Present.
" 22	2	No. 1034 Locust street.	Not alarmed.
" 23	2	Bingham's Court.	Out.
" 23	2	Chimney, 9th and George.	Present.
" 24	2	Market street near Bridge.	Not alarmed.
" 24	7	Fiftieth near Lexington street.	Present.
" 26	1	Willow above 18th.	do.
" 26	1	Gray's Ferry Road & Maiden Lane	Not alarmed.
" 27	1	Fitzwater and Broad.	Present.
" 28	1	Slippen above Eleventh.	Out.
" 30	2	Third below Race.	Present.
" 30	4	Charlotte above Brown.	At above fire.
" 30	3	Alarm, bonfire, Nixon & Callowhill.	Out.
" 31	1	Alarm, bonfire, Lombard st. wharf.	Out.
Feb. 1	1	Fifteenth and Federal streets.	Present.
" 2	1	Washington st. bet. 6th and 7th.	Not alarmed.
" 8	5	Buckius Lane	do.
" 8	2	Alarm at 15th and Market sts.	Out & present
" 10	2	Fifteenth and Filbert streets.	Out.
" 11	4	Alder below Thompson.	Present.
" 11	1	Marriott's Lane near 4th.	Not alarmed.
" 11	2	Cherry street near 6th.	Present.
" 11	2	Thirteenth and Walnut.	Out.
" 12	2	Twenty-third and Market streets.	Present.
" 13	2	Race street above 3d.	do.
" 13	3	Twelfth and Pleasant.	do.
" 14	2	Second and Deck.	Out.
" 18	1	Owen street near 6th.	Not alarmed.
" 18	1	N. W. cor. of 7th and South sts.	Present.
" 18	1	Chimney, in Pratt street.	Out.
" 18	2	Jones street near 21st.	Out.
" 19	2	Race street bet. 9th and 10th sts.	Present.
" 20	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out & present
" 20	2	Alarm.	Out.
" 20	2	Alarm.	Out.
" 20	1	Alarm, Western Hose Bell.	Out.
" 21	3	Charlotte street above Buttonwood.	Out.
" 23	1	Broad and Fitzwater sts.	Present.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Feb. 23	5	Back of Frankford Bridge.	Out.
" 24	1	Ronaldson street.	Present.
" 25	1	6th above Washington, chimney.	do.
" 25	1	Eighth and Carpenter.	Not alarmed.
" 25	5	Frankford street.	Out.
" 26	4	Apple above Master.	Out.
" 26	1	Ninth and Little Washington.	Not alarmed.
" 27	3	Eighth above Race.	Present.
" 27	1	Second and Washington.	do.
" 28	2	Rear of Market above 8th.	do.
" 28	5	Rear of Main street, Frankford.	Not alarmed.
" 28	2	S. W. corner of 12th & Market sts.	Present.
" 28	1	S. W. corner of 16th and Spruce.	do.
March 1	4	Fifteenth and Brown sts.	Out.
" 2	2	Eighth below Chestnut.	Present.
" 3	3	Pearl below Broad.	do.
" 4	2	Third below Arch street.	Out.
" 5	4	Brown's Court, below Edward.	Out.
" 5	6	Manayunk.	Not alarmed.
" 6	4	Queen street near Wood.	Out.
" 7	1	Reed street near 6th.	Present.
" 7	1	Front and Hazel.	At above fire.
" 8	1	Hall street.	Present.
" 9	2	Zane street between 7th and 8th.	do.
" 9	2	Alarm, Bulletin Building.	do.
" 10	2	Alarm, bonfire in Dock street.	Out.
" 12	3	Nixon and Callowhill, stables.	Out.
" 12	3	Alarm, Western Engine's Bell.	Out.
" 13	1	Alarm, box 11th and Lombard.	Out.
" 13	2	Market above Eleventh.	Present.
" 14	3	Garden above Willow.	do.
" 14	5	Second street north of Frankford.	At above fire.
" 14	2	Alarm, Western Hose Bell.	Out.
" 14	2	Eleventh and Cherry streets.	Present.
" 15	2	Alarm, United States Engine's Bell.	Out.
" 16	7	Alarm, Montgomery County fire.	Out.
" 16	2	Eleventh and Cherry streets.	Out.
" 17	5	Alarm, pile of brush.	Out.
" 17	2	Alarm, South East.	Out.
" 18	3	Twenty-fourth and Callowhill sts.	Present.
" 18	2	Chimney, 8th and Locust.	Out.
" 20	3	Alarm, Humane Engine's Bell.	Out.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION	REMARKS.
1858.			
March 21	1	Cox's Court.	Present.
" 21	1	Fourth street near German.	do.
" 21	2	Chimney, Arch street near Third.	Out.
" 21	3	Chimney, Thirteenth and Carlton.	Out.
" 22	3	Broad and Buttonwood.	Present.
" 22	6	Twentieth and Montgomery streets.	do.
" 22	3	Alarm, Humane Engine's Bell.	Out.
" 23	1	Bradford's Alley.	Not alarmed.
" 23	3	Chester and Lemon streets.	Present.
" 24	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out.
" 25	6	Lazy Lane near Biberry.	Not alarmed.
" 26	5	Wheat Sheaf Lane.	Out.
" 26	4	Alarm.	Out.
" 27	7	Oak bet. Bridgewater and Mansion.	Present.
" 27	1	Front below Navy Yard.	do.
" 27	5	Oxford Plank Road.	At above fire.
" 27	4	Oxford street between 10th & 11th.	Out.
" 27	5	Rekindling of Oxford Pl'k Road fire.	Not alarmed.
" 30	2	Alarm, fire in Camden.	Out.
" 30	2	Rear of Race south side below 15th.	Present.
" 30	6	Roxborough.	At above fire.
" 31	1	Eighth, corner of St. Mary.	Present.

(No. 4.)

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and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

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Yours, respectfully,

W. H. LOUGHHEAD,

*Assistant Engineer of the Third Division of the Philadelphia
Fire Department.*

Sworn and subscribed before me, this third day of
April, A. D. 1858.

WILLIAMS OGLE,

Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Jan. 12	5	Buckius Lane,	Present.
" 13	5	Above Holmesburg,	Out.
Feb. 9	5	Buckius Lane,	Present.
" 23	5	Back of Frankford Road,	do.
" 25	5	East of Trenton Railroad,	do.
" 28	5	West of Frankford street,	do.
March 2	5	Corner of Paul and Tacony,	Out of district
" 14	5	Second street Pike at Onley,	Present.
" 22	6	Twentieth and Montgomery,	Out
" 26	5	Wheat Sheaf Lane,	Present.
" 26	5	Biberry,	Out.
" 28	5	Oxford Plank Road,	Present.
" 28	5	Rekindling of above fire,	do.
" 31	2	Eighth and St. Mary streets,	do.

(No. 5.)

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and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

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Yours, respectfully,

MICHAEL YOUNG,

Assistant Engineer of the Fourth Division of the Philadelphia

Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this eighth day of April, A. D. 1858.

WILLIAMS OGLE,

Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Jan. 4	6	Germantown Avenue,	Present.
" 13	5	Above Holmesburg,	Out.
" 24	7	Fiftieth and Lexington,	Out.
Feb. 23	5	Back of Frankford Bridge,	Out.
" 25	5	Frankford street,	Out.
" 28	5	Rear of Main street, Frankford,	Out.
March 14	5	Second street north of Frankford,	Present.
" 16	7	Alarm, fire in Montgomery street,	Out.
" 17	5	Alarm, pile of brush,	Out.
" 22	6	Twentieth and Montgomery,	Out.
" 24	2	Alarm, fire in Camden,	Out.
" 24	6	Lazy Lane,	Out.
" 26	5	Wheat Sheaf Lane,	Out.
" 27	6	Oxford Plank Road,	Out.
" 30	6	Roxborough,	Out.

(No. 6.)

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and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

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Yours, respectfully,

JOHN GIVEN,

*Assistant Engineer of the Fifth Division of the Philadelphia
Fire Department.*

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1858.			
Jan. 5	3	Pleasant above 11th,	Out.
" 6	3	Pearl street between 16th and 17th,	Out.
" 10	2	Alarm, Western Hose Bell,	Out.
" 18	2	Market street above 11th,	Present.
" 23	2	Bingham's Court,	Out.
" 24	7	Fiftieth and Lexington streets,	Present.
March 3	3	Pearl below Broad,	do.
" 9	2	Alarm, Bulletin Building,	do.
" 27	7	Oak between Bridgewater & Mansion,	do.

APPENDIX No. 152.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, {
Phila., April 15th, 1858. }

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY CONTROLLER.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The act of consolidation, and the several ordinances passed by Councils, organizing and defining the duties of this department, requires the City Controller to report to Councils any default or delinquency he may discover in any of the departments of the City government.

In pursuance of the duties thus imposed, I feel constrained to submit the accompanying correspondence between this department and the City Solicitor; and, in order that the subject may be fully understood, I append the account of the City with the Sheriff, and a copy of a communication sent to that officer, calling his attention thereto.

It is proper to remark, that said account includes bills now on file in this office for services rendered by the Sheriff in 1857, for the payment of which no appropriation has yet been made, and other bills for services the present year, which I have retained until the Sheriff refunds the amount in controversy, or is relieved therefrom by the action of Councils, or in due course of law.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Phila., March 30th, 1858. }

WM. L. HIRST, ESQ.,
City Solicitor.

SIR:—On the 8th inst., I directed Wm. English, the Chief Clerk in this department to submit to you a memorandum relating to bills paid to the Sheriff for conveying prisoners, and concluding with a request for your opinion in regard to the Sheriff refunding the amount so paid him, and as to the lawful authority of the City Controller to retain, in the event of that officer refusing otherwise to refund, other sums due to the Sheriff, until the City was reimbursed.

In our conversation yesterday, when you called at this office in relation to the subject of said memorandum, amongst other points, you expressed a doubt as to the power to enforce a refunding of the money paid to the Sheriff, as above referred to, and thought it assumed the character of a gift by the City, and therefore could not be reclaimed; but you very kindly suggested, that I make the question a subject of an official communication, when you would fully consider the matter, and give me the benefit of your legal opinion thereon.*

* It is proper to remark, that the second paragraph in the preceding letter to the City Solicitor, touching a conversation with that officer, wherein he expressed an opinion relative to a bill paid, assuming the character of a gift, should have been more fully expressed. The point suggested by the City Solicitor was, that when a bill was paid under a direct appropriation made by Councils, even if it assumed the character of a gift, under that character its reclamation was doubtful.

S. TAYLOR.

In now submitting the subject to you in an official form, I deem it proper to a full understanding of my position, to recite the matter as it was done in the memorandum spoken of, and which you yesterday returned to me. I therefore append a *verbatim* copy of said memorandum, with an additional question, suggested by your remark relative to reclaiming a gift, and with a view to the full force of the question being understood, I append a copy of the first bill presented to me by the Sheriff, with his oath as to its being just and correct—all his subsequent bills being in like form.

I will add, that it is my firm impression that the Court, in a controversy between the City (or County) Commissioners and the Sheriff, as to who had the right to convey prisoners, decided that the Sheriff was the lawful custodian of all prisoners, and was responsible for their safe keeping, from the time they left the Court until delivered at the prison, and therefore had the right to the means of conveyance. If the Court made such a decision, the inference is plain, that the service must be paid for, and I know of no other party than the City of Philadelphia, of whom payment could be demanded.

Therefore, in this view of the case, as well as in that of all the circumstances recited in said memorandum, I respectfully solicit your opinion on the following questions, and trust, as the subject is attracting some attention, you will furnish me with it at your earliest convenience.

1st. The Sheriff having received \$1,280.00 from the City, for conveying prisoners, which it is alleged he is not entitled to, cannot he be made to refund said amount to the City?

2d. In the event of his refusing or neglecting so to refund, can the City Controller lawfully retain such bills, for other objects, as may be due, and becoming due, by the City to the said Sheriff, until said amount is fully refunded?

3d. In the event of a decision, that the Sheriff did obtain from the City the said sum of \$1,280.00 *without*

authority of law, will not his bills *regularly made out and sworn to*, be evidence sufficient to prove the illegality of the claims made by him, and paid by the City, and to enforce the refunding of the sums so obtained?

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

MEMORANDUM.

The charges of the Sheriff for conveying prisoners, and information desired by the City Controller in relation thereto.

March 3d, 1858.—C. B. F. O'Neill, being at the City Controller's office, remarked that the Controller had approved bills for the Sheriff for conveying prisoners without authority of law. The City Controller knowing that he had asked the opinion of the City Solicitor on the point in question, at the time when the first bill of the sheriff for the object specified was presented to him, was fully impressed with the belief that the opinion of the Solicitor, as well as a decision of the Court, was in favor of allowing the Sheriff payment of such bills. He was confirmed in this belief by the fact that he had, more than once, communicated to the Finance Committee and to City Councils, statements of deficiencies in the appropriations to the Sheriff, in which deficiencies were included charges for conveying prisoners. These communications bear date respectively:—November 27, 1856; December 8, 1856; and August 27, 1857. He also adverts to the same fact in his Annual Report to Councils, January 11, 1858. But in consequence of the allegation of C. B. F. O'Neill, before stated, he at once referred to the minute book of his office, to find the opinion of the City Solicitor, under which, as he firmly believed, he was acting.

He there found his own letter to that officer, dated November 27, 1856, asking his opinion on the before mentioned point, amongst others, and a blank space left for recording the reply, but not the reply itself. On further examination he found another letter from the City Solicitor, on matters relating to the Sheriff, dated May 1, 1857, in which reference is made to a

former opinion given in a letter dated December 10, 1856. Presuming that this was the letter containing the reply to the question in regard to conveying prisoners, for the recording of which the blank space had been left in the minute book, (the letter itself, if ever received at the Controller's office, having been lost or mislaid,) the City Controller sent Mr. John Dallam, one of the clerks in his office, to the office of the City Solicitor to procure a copy thereof. The copy was kindly furnished the following day, March 6, 1858; and to his utter astonishment, he finds that the opinion of the City Solicitor as then given, viz.: December 10, 1856, is entirely opposed to the legality of the claim of the Sheriff for conveying prisoners, and that he has been acting under an entire misapprehension of the views of the Solicitor in regard to bills for that service.

Now as he, the City Controller, acting in good faith, but under an erroneous impression, has allowed and audited bills for the Sheriff, for the object specified, amounting in all to the sum of \$1,280.00, he desires to know whether the Sheriff cannot be made to refund said amount to the City; and in the event of his refusing or neglecting so to refund, whether he, the said City Controller, can lawfully retain such bills for other objects, as may be due and becoming due, by the City to the said Sheriff, until said amount is fully refunded.

PHILADELPHIA, June 30th, 1856.

City of Philadelphia,

To GEORGE MEGEE, Sheriff, Dr.

1855-56.

June 30.	To Summoning Jurors, &c.,	\$408 50
" "	" Publishing City Claims,	588 94
" "	" Costs paid in conveyance of Prisoners,	780 00
" "	" Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, sci. fa. Service,	29 12
" "	" Service, Board of Health vs. J. S. Loyd, sci. fa.,	50

Amount as above stated,	\$1,807 06
Add to this Sheriff's fee on execution of Death War- rant in case of Peter Mat- tox,	12 00
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	\$1,819 06

City of Philadelphia, ss.

George Megee, Sheriff of Philadelphia, being duly sworn, says, that the foregoing account and statement hereto annexed, is just and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

GEORGE MEGEE, Sheriff.

Sworn and subscribed, September 9th, 1856, before
me.

CHARLES D. FREEMAN,

Alderman.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
City Building, No. 212 South Fifth Street.

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq.,
City Controller.

SIR:—Your communication of the 30th ult., addressed to this department, has received very careful consideration.

The memorandum you refer to, would have met early attention, but Mr. O'Neill, the gentleman alluded to in that paper, informed me, soon after it reached me, that he had withdrawn the suggestion he had made to you. After our interview referred to in your note, however, I proceeded to examine and consider the questions addressed to me in the memorandum, and the additional question contained in your letter, and submit the conclusions to which I have arrived.

Question 1st. The Sheriff having received \$1,280 00 from the City, for conveying prisoners, which, it is alleged, he is not entitled to, cannot he be made to refund said amount to the City?

Question 2d. In the event of his refusing or neglecting so to refund, can the City Controller lawfully retain such bills for other objects, as may be due, and

becoming due, by the City to the said Sheriff, until said amount is fully refunded?

Question 3d. In the event of a decision, that the Sheriff did obtain from the City the said sum of \$1,280.00 *without authority of law*, will not his bills *regularly made out and sworn to*, be evidence sufficient to prove the illegality of the claims made by him, and paid by the City, and to enforce the refunding of the sums so obtained?

The facts of the case, as I understand them may be stated thus:—Acting as City Controller, you have in perfect good faith, and under the belief that your action was in accordance with judicial decision, and the opinion of my predecessor, countersigned warrants from time to time, within a year past, in favor of the Sheriff, amounting in the whole to the sum of \$1280, for “conveyance of prisoners.” These warrants have been duly paid by the City Treasurer.

In fact, however, the judicial decision, as well as the opinion of Mr. Porter, concurred in the conclusion that these payments were without authority of law; and the facts stated in your memorandum very clearly account for the misapprehension under which you acted.

On the other hand, the Sheriff declares that he acted in like good faith, and under the same misapprehension; and he contends with apparent justice, that he was encouraged to make the payments for conveyance of prisoners, from time to time, by the repeated recognitions of his right to repayment, by the action of your department and of the City Councils on the subject. And he adds, that if his claim had been disallowed in the first instance, he would have guarded against subsequent payments, and the large demand now made upon him would have been prevented.

This charge for “conveyance of prisoners,” means his claim to be repaid by the City the sums he advanced to the owner of the Prison Van, for the use of the horses and vehicle.

The general principle that a “person who voluntarily pays money to another, claiming it as a debt,

may recover it back again where it turns out to have been paid by mistake, is recognized in our law, as the decided cases fully establish, only where the mistake is owing to misconception, error, or ignorance of fact. Where the party alleges merely a mistake of the law, the maxim applies, *ignorantia juris neminem excusat.*" Per Sergeant Justice, *Ege vs. Koontz*, 3 Barr, 113.

"One who voluntarily pays a debt, void as to its legal obligations, cannot recover it back; nor could his executor or administrator obtain it for the benefit of creditors; nor would an attachment lie at the suit of such creditors." *Speice vs. McCoy*, 6 W. & S. 485; *Espy vs. Allison*, 9 W. 462; *Mann's Appeal*, 1 Barr, 29; *Lackey vs. Mercer County*, 9 Barr, 318.

"A party who receives money under a mistake, cannot be compelled to refund it, although it be money which he could not receive at law, if he do not exercise any fraud or deceit in obtaining it, and if he may receive it with a good conscience." *Irvin vs. Hanlan*, 10 S. & R. 219; *Bogart vs. Nevins*, 6 S. & R. 369; *Morris vs. Quinn*, 1 Dallas, 148; *Hinkle vs. Eichelberger*, 2 Barr, 484.

The rule is well expressed by Chief Justice Gibson, in *During's Appeal*: 1 Harris, 240. "Money voluntarily paid by mistake, cannot be recovered back where the parties cannot be placed in *statu quo.*" *Boas vs. Updegrave*, 5 Barr, 516.

These general rules have occasionally been relaxed to let in exceptional cases. Thus it has been held, that usury voluntarily paid can be recovered back: 6 W. & S. 183. And so also, *illegal fees or compensation paid to public officers.* And I incline to the opinion, and so advise you, that the case you have submitted to me comes within the last stated exception, and I therefore answer your first question in the affirmative. I also answer your second question in the affirmative.

Your third question admits of a modified affirmative answer. The bills presented by the Sheriff, are conclusive evidence to prove the nature and character of the claims he made. The opinion of the Court of Common Pleas, and of my predecessor, which I have

considered as conclusive on me in my consideration of the case, establish the ground that these claims are without authority of law.

I consider however, that there is a very plain distinction as to such of the items of the Sheriff's bills as were *directed to be paid by Ordinance*, and paid accordingly. In countersigning warrants for such items, you were protected by the terms of the Ordinance, and it was in regard to this part of the case that I remarked to you in our conversation, that even if a sum of money was appropriated by Councils to a party *as a gift*, you would be protected in countersigning a warrant, and bound to do so. In regard, therefore, to such sums as may have been directed to be paid to the Sheriff by Ordinance, and actually paid, I consider it very doubtful indeed, whether a right of recovery exists, and am strongly inclined to the opinion that it cannot be done.

You are probably aware that I am the Solicitor of the Sheriff. He has, however, been good enough to relieve me from all embarrassment on that account, by agreeing to consult other counsel in relation to this claim, and I am therefore entirely free to act, as I shall, to the best of my ability, on behalf of the City.

W. L. HIRST,

April 5, 1858.

City Solicitor.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Phila., April 14th, 1858. }

GEORGE MEGEE, ESQ.,
Sheriff of Philadelphia.

SIR:—Under a misapprehension of the law relative to charges by the Sheriff for “conveying prisoners,” I have countersigned warrants drawn in your favor, upon bills running from June 30, 1856, to June 30, 1857, amounting to the sum of \$2060; \$780 of which was countersigned in 1856, and \$1280 in 1857.

I also find that you were paid December 31, 1856, \$889, under an appropriation made December 30, 1856. Whilst your bill for October term of that year, attested

by the Court, calls for only \$589, making a difference in favor of the City of \$300.

Why the *clerk*, then in charge of your accounts with the City, allowed this difference does not appear upon his books, and the error, if it is one, was accidentally discovered by the *present clerk* only a few days since.

As the opinion of the City Solicitor, received the 5th inst., justifies me in withholding my approval of, and retaining other bills due you for other services, until the sum first named be refunded, and as there is a necessity for some explanation of the difference between the amount of your bill for October term, 1856, and the sum you drew thereon from the treasury, viz. \$300; I suggest that you refund the former sum, and make such explanation as may establish your claim to the latter, at the earliest possible period, and prior to my communicating all the facts to the City Councils.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,

City Solicitor.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. MEGEE,
SHERIFF.

1856.

June 30.—To Bills rendered, Feb., April		
& June Terms,		\$1,351 12
30.—To Bills rendered, Miscellaneous,	1,819 06	
“ Aug. Term,	520 86	
Oct. 1.—“ Miscellaneous,	582 25	
“ Oct. Term,	589 00	
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		4,862 29
June 30.—By am't deducted for		
conveying prisoners,	780 00	
Oct. 1.—By am't deducted for		
conveying prisoners,	385 00	1,165 00
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Nett am't due sheriff, 1856,		\$3,697 29

SHERIFF'S ACCOUNT.—CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward,		\$3,634 48
Mar. 20.—By warrant counters'd,	881 75	
April 9.—“ “ “	642 12	
“ 14.—“ “ “		
(special appropriation),	273 69	
May 13.—By warrant counters'd,	189 12	
June 11.—“ “ “	559 37	
July 8.—“ “ “	164 00	
Sept. 3.—“ “ “	400 00	
Dec. 31.—“ “ “		
(special appropriation),	1,693 12	
Total payments, 1857,		<u>4,803 17</u>
Amount overdrawn,		<u>\$1,168 69</u>
1858.		
Jan. 3.—To Bill rendered, Sept. 30, 1857,	693 62	
“ 3.—“ “ Dec. 31, “	452 25	
“ “ Dec. Term, 1857–8,	642 12	
“ “ Feb. Term, 1858,	983 12	
Mar. 24.—“ “ Miscellaneous,	498 75	
		<u>\$3,269 86</u>
Jan. 3.—By am't deducted		
for conveying		
prisoners,	480 00	
“ 3.—“ “ “	260 00	740 00
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“ 3.—By am't deducted		
for cash rec'd by		
him,	686 50	
“ 3.—“ “ “	281 00	967 50
		<u>1,707 50</u>
Nett am't due sheriff, 1858,		\$1,562 36
Feb. 20.—By warrant countersigned,	642 12	
Balance due sheriff, 1858,		<u><u>\$920 24</u></u>

SHERIFF'S ACCOUNT.—CONTINUED.

Nett am't due sheriff, 1856,		\$3,697 29
Sept. 18.—By warrant counters'd,	1,351 12	
“ 18.— “ “ “	1,819 06	
Nov. 8.— “ “ “	520 86	
Dec. 31.— “ “ “	308 96	
“ 31.— “ “ “		
(special appropriation),		889 00
Total payments, 1856,		4,889 00
Amount overdrawn,		\$1,191 71

1857.

To Bills rendered, Dec. Term, 1856,		881 75
“ “ Feb. “ 1857,	642 12	
Mar. 31.— “ “ Miscellaneous,	862 62	
“ “ April Term,	559 37	
June 30.— “ “ Miscellaneous,	648 00	
“ “ June Term,	712 00	
“ “ Aug. “	997 25	
“ “ Oct. “	831 87	
		6,134 98

Mar. 31.—By am't deducted
for conveying pri-
soners,

	395 00	
June 30.— “ “ “	500 00	895 00

Mar. 31.—By am't deducted
for cash rec'd by
him,

	673 50	
June 30.— “ “ “	484 00	
Oct. “ “ “	448 00	1,605 50
		2,500 50
		3,634 48

RECAPITULATION.

Sheriff's Account.

To Bills rendered by Sheriff, 1856,	4,862	29	
“ “ “ 1857,	6,134	98	
“ “ “ 1858,	3,269	86	
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	14,267	13	
By am't deducted for conveying prisoners,			
1856,	1,165	00	
“ “ “ 1857,	895	00	
“ “ “ 1858,	740	00	2,800 00
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By am't deducted for cash received, 1857,	1,605	50	
“ “ “ 1858,	967	50	2,573 00 5,373 00
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Amount due sheriff,			8,894 13
By warrants countersigned, 1856,	4,889	00	
“ “ “ 1857,	4,803	17	
“ “ “ 1858,	642	12	10,334 29
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Total amount overdrawn,			\$1,440 16
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APPENDIX No. 153.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of Culverts or Drains along Second Street, and other Streets in the Nineteenth Ward.

Whereas, the people residing along Second Street, and other Streets in the southern portion in the Nineteenth Ward, are put to great trouble and inconvenience, because of the cellars of their houses being

filled with water, and they have importuned Councils to construct a Culvert along the said streets, in the hope that their cellars may thereby be drained, and the difficulty under which they now labor removed; therefore:—

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, with one or more competent mechanics, for the construction of the following Culverts or Drains:

First. From York and Emerald streets, southwestwardly on Emerald street to Front street, thence westwardly on Wood street to the west side of Washington street, four feet circular diameter, with a branch from the intersection of Second and Wood streets, northwardly on Second street, one thousand feet, three feet diameter.

Second. From Norris and Howard streets, westwardly on the line of Norris street to the west side of Washington street, four feet diameter, with branches from Second and Norris streets, northwardly on Second street, five hundred and seventy-five feet, two and a half feet diameter, and four hundred and twenty-five feet twenty inches diameter; also, a branch from Second and Norris streets, southwardly on Second street, five hundred and fifty feet, three feet diameter, and two hundred feet, twenty inches diameter.

Third. From Clinton and Oxford streets, westwardly on Oxford street to the west side of Second street, three feet diameter, with a branch on Second street, northwardly from Oxford street, five hundred and fifty feet, three feet diameter, and five hundred feet, two feet diameter; said Culverts to be of such form and dimensions, and to have such ascent and descent, as the survey department may designate and determine.

SECTION 2. The contract or contracts, for constructing the said several Culverts, shall be awarded to the lowest bidder, who will give the requisite security for the faithful performance of his duties; and one of the conditions of the said contracts shall be, that the contractor will agree to collect and receive from the owners of property fronting on the said streets, within the space specified, along which the said Culverts will pass, the amount assessed upon the said owners, respectively, for the construction of the said Culvert, not exceeding seventy-five cents per lineal foot, on account of the sum to be paid to such contractor for the construction of said Culverts.

SECTION 3. If the sum required to be paid by the owners of property for building the said Culverts, shall not in the aggregate, be equal to the contract price for constructing the same, then the Chief Commissioner of Highways is authorized to pay the balance of the said contract price, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated; and the Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of certain Culverts or Drains, on the lines of Second, Wood, Emerald, Norris and Oxford streets, in the Nineteenth Ward," approved April 12, A. D. 1858, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 154.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the "Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine Company."

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of two thousand seven hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the maintainance and keeping

in serviceable order the Steam Fire Engine "Philadelphia."

For Salary of Chief Engineer,	\$800 00
“ Keeping of Horses,	400 00
“ Driver of the same,	400 00
“ Fuel for Apparatus,	200 00
“ Repairing Hose,	200 00
“ Shoeing Horses,	100 00
“ Incidental Expenses, viz.: oil, soap, gas for engine room and warming apparatus, and wear and tear of machines,	600 00

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, in the form and manner, and with the requisites set forth in existing Ordinances relating to the drawing of warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 155.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That many of the Jurors in the different Courts during last year remain unpaid, owing to their ignorance of the necessity of having their warrants countersigned before the end of the year; an appropriation of an amount sufficient to meet their claims is recommended, and also to pay a Juror of 1856, who omitted to present his warrant during that year.

The Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions have found it necessary to hold an additional Court for the

trial of cases, and have asked for an appropriation, which your Committee recommend.

An appropriation for meals for Jurors, in the case of Commonwealth v. Diamond, in the Court of Quarter Sessions, is also recommended, as the bill seems a proper one in all respects.

The accounts of Mr. John N. Henderson, the late Health Officer, having been satisfactorily settled, payment of the balance due him is recommended, and also the amount due Dr. Joseph Shippen, as vaccine physician.

Owing to the loss of important papers from the Court of Quarter Sessions, the Judges of that Court ordered a fire-proof safe to be purchased for their future protection. It is to be regretted that the Judges of this Honorable Court have themselves violated a principle which they are so often called upon to maintain, "that no expenditure should be made by any department without a previous appropriation by Councils." Great public necessity may be a justification in this particular case; and therefore, out of respect for the source from whence the order to purchase was given, the appropriation to pay for the safe is recommended. Your Committee protest against their recommendation in this case being regarded as a precedent for purchases made by any department, except under an appropriation by Councils.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
ALFRED DAY,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
JOHN P. VERRÉE,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
EDWARD S. HANDY.

April 20, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay Jurors of 1856 and 1857, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of three

thousand one hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-seven cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the following purposes, viz. :—

1. To pay Jurors of Court of Nisi Prius, for the year 1857, one hundred and fifty dollars.
2. To pay Jurors of the District Court, for the years 1856 and 1857, one hundred and seventy dollars.
3. To pay Jurors of the Court of Common Pleas, for the year 1857, fifty dollars.
4. To pay Jurors of Court of Quarter Sessions, for the year 1857, one hundred and fifty dollars.
5. To pay Road Jurors of 1856 and 1857, one hundred dollars.
6. To John Campbell, for meals furnished to Jurors and prisoner, in case of Commonwealth v. Diamond, eighty-six dollars.
7. Witness fees in Court of Quarter Sessions, for the year 1857, fifty dollars.
8. To John McGillen, for a chaise for a sick Juror, in case of Commonwealth v. Kline, three dollars.
9. To Evans & Watson, for a double-door Salamander fire-proof safe, for the Court of Quarter Sessions, two hundred dollars.
10. To George Weiss, for making window books, for the 7th and 8th Divisions of the Twenty-second Ward, eight dollars.
11. To James McNally, for window books, for four Divisions of the Sixteenth Ward, sixteen dollars.
12. To Joseph Mountain, Jr., for making out Transcript Books for five Precincts of the Twentieth Ward, for the year 1857, at one cent per name, twenty-five dollars and eighty cents.
13. To J. Knouse, and J. Stainruek, for making Street Lists in Twenty-first Ward, at one cent per name, twenty-eight dollars and thirty cents.
14. To Robert Tyler, Prothonotary, Supreme Court, Eastern District, for fees in criminal cases at

- Nisi Prius, commencing in January, 1858, thirty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents.
15. To John N. Henderson, late Health Officer, balance due him on settlement of his account with the City Controller, sixty-six dollars and fifty cents.
 16. To Dr. Joseph Shippen, for services as vaccine physician of Eighth Ward, for the years 1855, 1856 and 1857, one hundred dollars, *provided* warrant No. 234, in his favor for four dollars and fourteen cents, issued by the Board of Health, and countersigned for January, 1857, is delivered up or accounted for, until which the Controller will retain the amount of said warrant.
 17. To Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, M.D., balance due him as vaccine physician, for 1857, twelve dollars and fifty cents; and to Dr. W. F. Patterson, as vaccine physician of Fourth Ward, twelve dollars and fifty cents.
 18. To King & Baird, for advertising notice of hearing appeals from valuation, three dollars and seventy-five cents.
 19. To William A. Neff, as a witness in case of contested election of District Attorney, thirteen dollars.
 20. To Neman & Warnick, for stove pipe and zinc for room of City Commissioners, twenty dollars.
 21. To James H. Billington, for brushes, hatchet, punch, &c., for use of City Commissioners, sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents.
 22. To the Court of Quarter Sessions, for the expenses of an additional session for the trial of pending causes, five hundred dollars.
 23. For Constables fees at the municipal election, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.
 24. For Constables fees, for returning unlicensed taverns in 1856, twenty-five dollars.
 25. To Samuel L. Clement, late Police Magistrate of Twelfth Ward, for two months' salary,

viz.: for January and February, 1856, when his term of office expired, eighty-three dollars and thirty-two cents.

26. To the Department of Wharves and Landings, to equalize the enacting clause with the amount contained in the items of appropriation, one hundred dollars.
27. To the appropriation for "certain claims" to equalize the enacting clause with the amount contained in the items of appropriation, one hundred and forty-four dollars and forty cents.
28. To pay the claim of John K. Murphy, for keep of horse and repairs to wagon and harness, during his term of office as Marshal of Police, subsequent to consolidation, the sum of seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and ninety cents.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the said appropriations shall be drawn as follows:—For items 1 to 14 inclusive, and for items 18 to 24 inclusive, by the City Commissioners; for items 15, 16 and 17, by the President of the Board of Health; for items 25 and 28, by the Mayor; for item 26, by the Commissioners of Wharves and Landings; and for item 27, by the Superintendent of Trusts.

APPENDIX No. 156.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report, That they have ascertained that the buildings at the Lazaretto are in need of repair, and that certain stores are necessary for the public security, in case of any

sudden call for the enforcement of Quarantine regulations, or for cleansing the City. They, therefore, recommend that the annexed ordinance be passed, to make provision for these purposes.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
 ALFRED DAY,
 JOHN F. MASCHER,
 D. S. BEIDEMAN,
 JOSEPH TAYLOR,
 JOHN P. VERREE,
 GEO. WILLIAMS,
 ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
 EDW. S. HANDY.

April 20, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Board of Health, for expenses of the Health office and the Lazaretto, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of four thousand and sixty-five dollars and sixty-five cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Health, for the payment of expenses of the Lazaretto and Health office, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, as follows:—

1. For repairs to wharf, including filling piers, one hundred dollars.
2. For repairs to Quarantine Masters' house, viz.: Underpinning kitchen, new floor to piazza, new pump, new spouts, &c., two hundred dollars.
3. For new roof to physician's house, three hundred dollars.
4. For cordage, paints, nails, &c., two hundred and fifty dollars.
5. For burning fluid, forty dollars.
6. For a small boat, thirty-five dollars.
7. For medicine, one hundred and fifty dollars.
8. For a small boat, thirty-five dollars.
9. For Gas for City office, twenty-five dollars.

APPENDIX No. 157.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance submit the annexed resolution, in relation to the official Bond of the late Matthias Kremer, a Collector of Corporation and Poor Taxes, for the year 1853, and ask that it be adopted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
ALFRED DAY,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
WM. P. HACKER.

April 22, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Solicitor be instructed to enter satisfaction upon the official Bond of Matthias Kremer, deceased, late a Collector of Corporation and Poor Taxes, for the year 1853, and of his sureties, George J. Hamilton, and Thomas T. Vaughan, upon receiving satisfactory proof by the Controller, that said accounts have been regularly settled, and any balance due thereon paid over by said Collector or his representatives.

APPENDIX No. 158.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from the City Controller of April 8, 1858, in relation to auditing the accounts of John M. Coleman, late Receiver of Taxes, and of Peter Armbruster, the present Receiver, report, That they have considered the suggestion made therein by the Controller, as to the necessity for a continuance in office of the clerks employed to perform this duty until the same shall have been completed, unless they neglect their duties, prove incompetent, or give some other good cause for removal. And they are satisfied that the only mode in which this important investigation can be properly and thoroughly made is by adopting the suggestion which the Solicitor, upon being consulted, is of opinion is within the power of Councils.

The only objection which has occurred to your Committee to the proposed measure, is that these clerks will be in some measure independent of the head of their department. This is, however, a much less evil than that competent and faithful men should be subject to removal in the midst of labors of great public importance, at the mere caprice of the head of any department; and as your Committee have in their resolution subjected these clerks to be appointed to the immediate and constant supervision of their successors of the Committee on Finance, the evil of their qualified independence, if it be an evil, is to some extent counterbalanced.

Your Committee offer the annexed resolution, of which they recommend the adoption.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
ALFRED DAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
WM. P. HACKER.

April 22, 1858.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of John M. Coleman, late Receiver of Taxes, and Peter Armbruster, present Receiver, for the years 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857 and 1858, the City Controller is hereby authorized to appoint by and with the consent of Select Council, four clerks, whose term of office shall not expire until their labors shall be completed. The City Controller shall see that they faithfully execute their duties, and shall report to Councils any neglect of duty, and also when their said labors shall be completed. The salary of the said clerks shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars each, per annum, payable monthly, *provided* that Councils may at any time repeal this ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 159.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report, That it appears from a communication made to Councils by the City Controller, that the Sheriff has been overpaid out of the City Treasury, upon warrants countersigned by the Controller, upwards of two thousand dollars. These overpayments were made under an erroneous impression that the Sheriff was entitled to compensation for conveying prisoners to and from the County Prison. Whereas, by law, he had no claim for this service, as a fee of one dollar is allowed him for every criminal cause not capital, and two dollars and a-half for every one which is; besides which, in

every case of commitment, thirty-seven cents more is allowed him by law.

The Sheriff then receives from the county in every criminal case brought to trial, a sum never less than one dollar and thirty-seven cents, and in some cases more than twice that amount, for which in return your Committee cannot ascertain that he performs any important service except that of carrying the prisoners to and from prison, and having a sort of custody of them while in the dock at the Court of Quarter Sessions. The aggregate of these fees received by him during 1856, was two thousand four hundred and sixty dollars and ninety-eight cents; during 1857, four thousand six hundred and twenty-four dollars and thirty-six cents; and during 1858, he has to this time rendered bills to the amount of one thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and twenty-four cents for these fees, of which he has received six hundred and forty-two dollars and twelve cents, leaving due nine hundred and eighty-three dollars and twelve cents, which the Controller has retained for the reasons contained in his communication to Councils of the 8th inst., exclusive of what he has also received during that time for carrying prisoners, amounting to two thousand and sixty dollars more. So that he has had seven thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars and forty-six cents from the county for services, of which this conveyance of prisoners appears to your Committee to be the only important one, and two thousand and sixty dollars in addition for this service directly. The Controller, upon his attention being called to this double charge, has not only refused to pay these bills any longer, but claims to retain out of any amount in his hands due the Sheriff, a sum sufficient to reimburse the county, for what the Sheriff has received while in office for this service. Your Committee recommend Councils to sustain the Controller in this cause, which in their opinion is but another instance, added to many they have had occasion to notice of the intelligent manner in which this excellent officer performs his

official duty. Your Committee annex a resolution which they recommend Councils to adopt.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
ALFRED DAY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
WM. P. HACKER,
JOHN P. VERREE,
GEO. WILLIAMS.

April 22, 1858.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Controller be instructed to make no further payments to the Sheriff for the conveyance of prisoners to and from the County Prison; and to retain in his hands, out of any money now due or hereafter to become due to the Sheriff, a sum equal to that which he has received specially for this service during his term of office.

APPENDIX No. 160.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., in response to a number of petitions heretofore referred to them, have reported a Resolution authorizing several streets therein named to be paved, with the usual resolution authorizing the necessary grading to be done preparatory to the paving.

They have also, upon a Resolution offered in Com-

mon Council sometime since, reported a Resolution directing notice to be given to the owners of property on two streets in the Nineteenth Ward, to grade and pave their footways.

The Committee have, also, reported a Resolution to authorize the payment to C. V. Naumann, of a claim for grading Norris Street, at the Bridge in Franklin Avenue over the Gunner's Run Canal. This claim arose from the grading of Franklin Avenue, so as to make passable the Bridge over the Canal. A sufficient sum was appropriated to grade the Avenue, and that work was paid for long since. The sum now to be paid is for extra work done on Norris Street, by order of the Surveyor of the District. It was wrong in the Surveyor to order this work to be done, but the contractor has done it in good faith, and it is but just that he should be compensated for it.

A Sub-Committee while in the Nineteenth Ward on Tuesday last, noticed that the abutments of the Bridge over the Gunner's Run Canal at York Street, are in a dilapidated condition, and there appeared to be some danger of the Bridge falling, and the Committee have reported a Resolution authorizing the necessary repairs.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JAS. BURNS,
CHAS. F. ISEMINER,
JOHN F. DEAL,
GEORGE WILLIAMS,
W. O. KLINE,
PETER FRAILEY,
G. W. SCHOFIELD.

March 31, 1858.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the Paving of Vienna Street, and other Streets, and for other purposes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on Vienna street, from

Queen street to Franklin Avenue, in the Eighteenth Ward; York street, from the Bridge over Gunner's Run Canal, northwestward to the Frankford Road; Salmon street, from Cumberland to York street; Tulip street, from Cherry to Wood street; Hope street, from Dauphin to York street; Emerald street, and Brad-dock street, from Huntingdon street to Lehigh Avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward; Twentieth street, from Poplar street to Girard Avenue; Cadwallader Avenue, from Jefferson to Oxford street, in the Twentieth Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same. The contractor for doing the said work, in each case, to be a competent paver, to be approved by the Highway Department, and the work to be supervised by the proper officer of the department, while the same is progressing. *Provided*, that the water-pipe shall be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for the paving of Caroline street and Tunner street, extending from Wharton to Marshall street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, in the Second Ward:—One of the conditions of which contract shall be, that the contractor doing the work will collect and receive the cost and expenses of the said paving, from the owners of property fronting on the said streets, and will not hold the City liable therefor. And the Highway Department is hereby authorized to do the grading in the streets named in this and the foregoing Resolution; and also in Jefferson Avenue, from Franklin to Mifflin street, in the First Ward, necessary to be done therein, preparatory to the paving thereof.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to notify the owners of property on both sides of Howard street, from Cumberland to Huntingdon street, and of Huntingdon street, from Front to Second street, in the Nineteenth Ward, to grade and pave the footways in front of their respective properties.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of

C. V. Nauman, for the sum of seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-eight cents, in full payment of the balance of his claim for grading Norris street at the intersection of Franklin Avenue, near the Gunner's Run Canal:—the same to be paid out of Item Three, of the appropriations made to the Highway Department by the Ordinance, approved January 18th, A. D. 1858.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to have the necessary repairs made to the abutments of the Bridge over the Gunner's Run Canal at York street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and to pay the cost and expenses of said repairs out of Item Seven, of the appropriations mentioned in the preceding Resolution.

APPENDIX No. 161.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition from the voters of the Seventh Division of the Eighteenth Ward, asking for a division of the same, respectfully report, That, after a careful examination of the boundaries of the 5th, 6th and 7th divisions of the Eighteenth Ward, and the number of taxable inhabitants residing therein, they find it necessary, for the accommodation of the voters, to create an additional division out of the same.

By the return of the taxable inhabitants for the year 1857, we find that the present

5th Division contained	780	taxables.
6th " "	709	"
7th " "	781	"

Which your Committee propose to divide into four Divisions, as follows:—

5th Division to contain	572 taxables.
6th “ “ “	565 “
7th “ “ “	592 “
8th “ “ “	561 “

These Divisions lie contiguous to each other, and are divided in such a manner as to afford the least inconvenience to the residents thereof.

Your Committee, therefore, report the following Ordinance, and respectfully ask its consideration.

BENJ. H. BROWN,
RICHARD WILDEY,
JACOB MOYER.

AN ORDINANCE

To change the Boundary Lines of the 5th, 6th and 7th Divisions of the Eighteenth Ward, to create an additional Division in said Ward, and so establish a place of voting in said additional Division.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the 5th, 6th and 7th Divisions of the Eighteenth Ward, shall hereafter be bounded as follows:—

Fifth Division.—Beginning at the River Delaware and Hanover street, along the east side of Hanover street to Franklin avenue, thence along the south side of Franklin avenue to Cherry street, thence along the west side of Cherry street and the west side of Warren street to the River Delaware, thence along the River Delaware to the place of beginning.

Sixth Division.—Beginning at the River Delaware and Warren street, thence along the east side of Warren street and the east side of Cherry street to Franklin avenue, thence along the south side of Franklin avenue to Wood street, thence along the east side of Wood street to Duke street, thence along the south side of Duke street to Norris street, thence along the west side of Norris street to the River Delaware, thence along the River Delaware to the place of beginning.

Seventh Division.—Beginning at Hanover street and Franklin avenue, thence along the east side of Han

over street to West street, thence along the south side of West street to Cherry street, thence along the west side of Cherry street to Duke street, thence along the south side of Duke street to Wood street, thence along the west side of Wood street to Franklin avenue, thence along the north side of Franklin avenue to the place of beginning.

SECTION 2. That a new Election Division to be called the Eighth Division, be, and the same is hereby created in the Eighteenth Ward, to be bounded as follows:—

Beginning at Hanover street and Frankford Road, thence along the east side of Hanover street to West street, thence along north side of West street to Cherry street, thence along the east side of Cherry street to Duke street, thence along the north side of Duke street to Norris street, thence along the west side of Norris street to the Frankford Road, thence along the east side of Frankford Road to the place of beginning.

SECTION 3. The voters of the Fifth Division, shall vote at the house of James Flanigan, Beach street, below Palmer street.

The voters of the Sixth Division, shall vote at the house of Mrs. Lamont, corner of Queen and Wood streets.

The voters of the Seventh Division, shall vote at the house of John Scott, at the corner of Hanover and Brown streets.

The voters of the Eighth Division, shall vote at the house of Philip Miller, at the corner of Frankford Road and Hanover street.

APPENDIX No. 162.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of the Hope Hose and the Diligent Engine Companies, asking for the introduction of the Fire Alarm Signal Boxes into their houses, respectfully report the accompanying Ordinance, and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
JACOB MOYER,
SETH AUSTIN,
P. MAISON,
JOHN P. VERREE,
WM. B. FOSTER, JR.
O. P. CORNMAN.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay for the introduction of Fire Alarm Signal Boxes into the houses of certain Companies.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, to pay for the introduction of the Fire Alarm Signal Boxes into the houses of the Hope Hose Company, Diligent Engine Company, and Hibernia Engine Company, said work to be done under the superintendence of the Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn by the Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, and shall be of such form and have the requirements as is provided by an Ordinance, approved August 23d, 1855, entitled, "An Ordinance, to provide for the issue of certificates of City Loan, to pay Road Damages, and to pay the contract price of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph.

APPENDIX No. 163.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
City Building, No. 212 S. 5th St.

*To the Committees on Railroads
of Select and Common Councils.*

GENTLEMEN:—I have received certified copies of the following Passenger Railway Charters:—

1. "An Act to incorporate the Girard College Passenger Railway Company," approved April 15, 1858. The route is "from or near the Girard College, down Ridge Avenue to Tenth and Ninth streets respectively, thence down said streets to Arch Street, and thence down Arch to Second Street, with a double track on said Avenue and Arch Street." This Company is required to pay to the City six per cent. on dividends, where such dividends exceed six per cent. per annum; and the act provides that the City Councils may dissent within thirty days from the passage of the act, and that the Company shall be subject to the Passenger Railway Ordinance of July, 7, 1857.

2. "An Act to incorporate the Central Passenger Railway Company," approved April 21, 1858. The route is "with single track, through Walnut and Chestnut Streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to unite the same on Second and Twenty-third Streets." The act provides that the Company shall pay to the City fifty dollars for every car, and keep the said streets in perpetual good repair; and "that before this act shall take effect, the constituted authorities of the City of Philadelphia shall declare by ordinance their consent to the construction of said Railroad on the streets indicated." The Company is made subject to the Passenger Railway Ordinance of July 7, 1857.

3. "An Act to incorporate the Green and Coates Street Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company," approved April 21, 1858. The route is "beginning on Oak Street, running west along Green Street to

Twenty-second Street, thence northwardly along Twenty-second Street to Coates Street, thence westwardly along Coates Street to the River Schuylkill, thence eastwardly along Coates Street to the place of beginning." The act requires the Company to keep the said streets in repair, and to pay to the City six per cent. on dividends, when such dividends exceed six per cent. per annum, and authorize Councils to dissent within thirty days from the passage of the act.

4. "An Act to incorporate the Germantown Passenger Railway Company," approved April 21, 1858. The route is, "with single or double tracks on all or any part of the Germantown Turnpike Road within the City of Philadelphia, with such branches as may be necessary to connect them with any other railway or railways within the said City." The act is not to take effect until the Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company shall assent, and not until the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia shall have passed an act permitting and allowing the construction of the said Road."

5. "A Supplement to an Act to incorporate the Philadelphia and Darby Railroad Company, approved April eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven." The route is by "track or tracks upon the line of the Darby Turnpike or Plank Road Company." The act requires the assent of said Company, but gives no power or authority to City Councils. The grant is absolute.

6. "An Act to incorporate the Fairmount and Arch Street City Passenger Railway Company," approved April 16, 1858. The route is, "commencing at Tenth and Arch Streets, and continuing westwardly along the same with a double track to Twentieth Street and Twenty-first Street respectively, with a single track to Callowhill Street, and thence westwardly with double track to the Wire Bridge at Fairmount." The act also provides that the Company must pay to the City six per cent. on dividends, when the dividends shall exceed six per cent. per annum, and that it shall be subject to the Passenger Railway Ordinance of July 7,

1857, and that Councils may dissent to the Charter within thirty days from the passage of the act.

I beg to be permitted to express my thanks to the Hon. Henry L. Deffenbach, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, for his kindness in postponing the other business of his office to enable him to furnish, promptly, for the information of Councils, the explanations referred to in this and my former communications to your Committees.

The subject of Passenger Railways is of vast importance to the public, not limited, in point of time, to the present generation or the present century. I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that Councils should, without delay, cause a *code of regulations* to be prepared and digested, and submitted to Councils for their consideration, in time to be matured before the first Railway Company shall come in under the Ordinance recently passed on this subject.

Respectfully,
WM. L. HIRST,
City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 164.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., report herewith an Ordinance, to open Ninth Street from Morris to McKean Street, in the First Ward.

There exists a great necessity for opening this street this short distance, in order to procure an outlet for an overflow of water which always occurs at Ninth and Morris Streets in heavy rains. The Committee are of the opinion that a jury will not allow any damage for

the opening of this street, for the advantages accruing to the owners will more than compensate for the land taken.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JAMES BURNS,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER,
PETER FRAILEY,
GEORGE WILLIAMS,
ALFRED CREASE,
WILLIAM B. FOSTER, JR.,
J. K. GAMBLE.

April 26, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the opening of Ninth Street, from Morris to McKean Street, in the First Ward.

Whereas, by authority of the last of certain resolutions of Councils, approved October 2, A. D. 1857, notice was duly given on the 29th day of February last, to the owners of ground through and over which Ninth Street, from Morris to McKean Streets, in the First Ward will pass, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils would order the said street to be opened for public use, as authorized by the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and the said time of three months having elapsed; Therefore,

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That Ninth Street, from Morris Street, southward to McKean Street, in the First Ward, is hereby directed to be opened for public use as a highway, and the Highway Department is hereby authorized to cause all obstructions within the limits of the said street to be removed, and the same to be thrown open as a public highway.

APPENDIX No. 165.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., in response to various petitions from owners of property, asking for authority to pave streets hitherto referred to them, report herewith a Resolution, authorizing the paving as requested by the petitioners.

They also report a Resolution authorizing the Department to construct a drain and do some grading on Chew Street, in the Twenty-first Ward, the whole cost not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars. The owners of property have thrown open this street without asking damage, and they desire that it shall be put in a passable condition, and the sum it is proposed to expend is very reasonable for that purpose.

They report a Resolution reducing the number of cubic yards required to be graded on Indian Queen Lane, in the Twenty-first Ward. After the resolution authorizing this grading had passed, it was ascertained that a portion of it was through rock, and was more costly than had been anticipated; and the resolution now submitted proposes to reduce the quantity of work to be done, but not to increase the amount of money to be expended.

They also report a Resolution directing the owners of property on a portion of Twentieth Street, in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards, to set the curb and pave the footway in front of their property. The grading of the cartway of this portion of the Street was done by the Highway Department last year, under a Resolution of Councils, and it is proper that the footways should be now graded and paved.

And there is a Resolution directing notice to be given that Franklin Street, between Thompson and Master Streets, in the Twentieth Ward, will be opened for public use. This street is all opened except that

on the east side near to Master Street; one lot projects into the street which the owner refuses to remove.

The Committee are of the opinion that the street ought to be opened to its full width, and they do not believe that any damage will be allowed to the owner by any jury of Inquest.

The Committee also report a Resolution referred to them some weeks since, requiring the owners of property on a number of streets in the late Borough of Frankford, in the Twenty-third Ward, to grade and pave the footways in front of their respective properties. It is represented to the Committee that most of the owners on these streets have done this work, and that this notice is required in order to bring up the delinquents and establish level and uniform footways, which is a matter of great necessity in a densely populated neighborhood.

The Committee also report a Resolution authorizing the grading of Green Lane, extending from the Bridge over the Schuylkill, through the late Borough of Manayunk, to the Ridge Road, in the Twenty-first Ward. There is on this lane a very steep hill, for the grading of which a great necessity has long existed, and the resolution limits the expenditure to six hundred dollars.

And they have reported a Resolution authorizing the paving of two or three streets, the paving of which is necessary; but upon which the consent of a majority of the owners cannot at present be obtained.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER,
JAMES BURNS,
PETER FRAILEY,
GEORGE WILLIAMS,
ALFRED A. CREASE,
WILLIAM B. FOSTER, JR.,
J. K. GAMBLE.

April 26, 1858.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the paving of Howard Street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and other streets, and for other purposes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property or a majority thereof, fronting on the following named streets, within the spaces specified, viz.:—Howard Street, from Norris to Cumberland, Salmon Street, from Cumberland to Huntingdon, Parker Street, from Wood to Dauphin, Cadwallader Street, from Oxford to Columbia Avenue, Fourth Street, from Columbia Avenue to Dauphin Street, in the Nineteenth Ward; Dunlap Street, from Chesnut to George, west of Twenty-second Street, in the Eighth Ward; Brown Street, from Hanover to Palmer, in the Eighteenth Ward; Cabot Street, from Eighteenth to Nineteenth, in the Twentieth Ward; and Sixth Street, from Lehigh Avenue to Somerset Street, in the Twenty-third Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same. The contractors doing the said work shall be competent pavers, to be approved by the Highway Department, and the work to be carefully supervised by the proper officer of the Department while the same is in progress. *Provided*, that the water-pipe be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun; and the Highway Department is hereby authorized to do the grading necessary in the said streets preparatory to the paving thereof.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with one or more competent pavers, for the paving of Dickinson Street, from Front to Second Streets, in the First Ward; Montgomery Street, from Frankford Road to Front Street, in the Nineteenth Ward; and Girard Avenue, from Nineteenth Street westward, to its intersection with College Avenue, in the Twentieth Ward; one of the conditions of which contracts shall be that the contractor will collect and receive from the owners of property fronting on the said streets, the cost and expenses of the paving, and will not hold the City liable therefor except for the intersections.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the grading of a portion of Green Lane, in the Twenty-first Ward, so as to lessen the steepness of a hill thereon, and to expend in the said work not exceeding the sum of six hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is authorized to construct a drain, and to do such grading as may be necessary on Chew Street, in the Twenty-second Ward, so as to place the same in a passable condition, and to spend in the whole of the said work not exceeding the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars.

Resolved, That the Resolution of Councils, approved March 22, 1858, authorizing the grading of Indian Queen Lane, in the Twenty-first Ward, is hereby so altered and amended as to fix the number of cubic yards required to be graded at eighteen hundred, instead of twenty-eight hundred as therein set forth.

Resolved, That the owners of property in Twentieth Street, between Columbia Avenue, in the Twentieth Ward, and Lancaster Street, in the Twenty-first Ward, are hereby required to set the curb stone, and to grade and pave the footways in front of their respective properties.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized and directed to give notice to the owner or owners of property that obstructs Franklin Street, between Thompson and Master Streets, that said Franklin Street will be opened to its full width for public use, according to the provisions of the seventh section of the Act of Assembly, approved April 21, A. D. 1855.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to notify the owners of property who have not curbed and paved their footways on the following named streets, to wit: Bridge Street, from the Frankford Creek to the Tacony Plank Road; Frankford Street, from Paul Street to the Little Tacony Creek; Leiper Street, from Othodox to Church Street; Othodox, from Leiper Street to the Tacony Plank Road; Franklin Street, from Sellers to Church street; Oxford

Street, from Frankford to Josephine Street; Green Street, from Frankford to Paul Street; Tacony Street, from Frankford to Orchard Street; Thomas Street, from Green to Tacony Street; Josephine Street, from Church to Oxford Street; Meeting House Lane, from Church to Oxford Street; Hedge Street, from Unity to Meadow Street; Meadow Street, from Hedge to Paul Street; Dyre Street, from Frankford to Franklin Street, in the Twenty-third Ward; and Manheim Street, from Germantown Avenue to the Plank Road, in the Twenty-second Ward; to set their curb, grade and pave their footways in front of their respective properties, in accordance with the laws and ordinances made and provided for the same; and in case parties notified, neglect or refuse to comply with their respective notices within thirty days, the Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to employ such parties on such portions of the work who will engage to do the same, and collect the proper cost thereof from the respective owners.

APPENDIX No. 166.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN SAVING FUND SOCIETY.

OFFICE OF THE WESTERN SAVING FUND SOCIETY.
Philadelphia, April 23d, 1858.

To the Trustees of the Philada. Gas Works:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, on behalf of the Western Saving Fund Society of Philadelphia, has learned, with surprise, that an Act has been recently passed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania,

authorizing and directing the Councils of the City of Philadelphia, to elect six additional Trustees for the management of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

For the security of the Loan-holders, it was stipulated by Councils that the Gas Works should be controlled and managed by a Board of Trustees, elected and constituted as provided for by Ordinance of Councils, passed March 21st, 1835. The Western Saving Fund Society of Philadelphia, under this guarantee, invested in Gas Loan, authorized by Councils, some \$32,000, at an advance upon the par value thereof.

Without presuming to express an opinion as to the benefits or otherwise, which may result from the Act of the Legislature referred to, should it be carried into effect, the undersigned, on behalf of the Western Saving Fund Society of Philadelphia, is constrained respectfully and earnestly to protest against any change in the mode of managing said Gas Works, as provided for under existing ordinances of Councils, which may affect the express and implied guarantees given by Councils, without his consent as a Loan-holder, and prays, that you will, as Trustees, defend and protect the rights he represents.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN WIEGAND,

*President of the Western Saving Fund Society
of Philadelphia.*

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS,
April 26th, 1858.

JOHN MILLER, ESQ.,

President of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

SIR:—At a stated meeting of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, held on the 23d inst., the following resolution was adopted:

“*Resolved*, That copies of the communication from the Western Saving Fund Society, be transmitted to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, for their information; and that a copy thereof, be also sent to the City Solicitor for such advice to

the Trustees in relation to the same, as will protect the Trustees from individual responsibility to the Loanholders, under any action that may be authorised by the Act of Assembly, to which said communication refers.”

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW C. CRAIG,
President.

APPENDIX No. 167.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

*To the Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN ;—The Committee on Water Works of Common Council, to whom was referred the Resolution from Select Council, “granting permission to Dr. David Jayne, to make an attachment to the Chesnut Street Main, to supply a stationery Steam Engine for extinguishing fires,” report the same as committed, with the following amendment to come in at the end of the Resolution.

“*And provided* also that in case of his death, or discontinuance of the firm, or a change of ownership of property, the said attachment to be cut of.”

JOS. P. FITLER,
OSCAR THOMPSON,
C. B. F. O’NEILL,
WILSON KERR,
JOHN VASEY.

April 29, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 168.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report, That on the twenty-first day of April last, a supplement to the Act of Consolidation was enacted, authorizing Councils to require bonds for the performance of duties therein prescribed to be given by certain public officers.

An Ordinance to carry the provisions of this law into effect is herewith submitted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ALFRED DAY,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
EDW. S. HANDY,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
WM. P. HACKER.

May 6, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

Relating to certain City Officers and Departments.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That all warrants to be drawn on the City Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of the third section of the Act of the General Assembly, approved April 21st, 1858, entitled, "A further supplement to the Act incorporating the City of Philadelphia," may be issued by such officer of the Board of Health or the Board of Guardians of the Poor as the said Boards may respectively direct, and shall be countersigned by the City Controller in all cases. The City Controller is hereby declared to be the officer directed to perform said duty of countersigning such warrants in conformity with the provisions of the said third section of the said Act of Assembly, and he shall give bond to the City of Philadelphia in the sum of twenty thousand dollars with

surety, to be approved by Councils, and with the condition prescribed in the said third section of the said Act of Assembly.

SECT. 2. Every City Commissioner shall before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond to the City of Philadelphia in the sum of ten thousand dollars with two sureties, to be approved by Councils, and with the condition prescribed by the fourth section of the said Act of Assembly.

SECT. 3. The duties of the City Controller, under the provisions of the seventh section of the said Act of Assembly, shall apply and extend to all officers and persons whether elected or appointed, who are required by law or ordinance to give bond to the City for the performance of their duties, and to such other officers and persons as Councils may hereafter by ordinance prescribe. And to enable the City Controller to execute the duties enjoined on him by the seventh and second sections of the said Act of Assembly, he shall require all officers and persons mentioned or included within the provisions of the said Act, or of this ordinance, to deposit their books or vouchers in his office for examination. He shall communicate to Councils the result of each such examination, as soon as made, and whenever a balance shall be found due to the City by such officer or person, he shall furnish a copy of his report to the City Solicitor, who shall proceed thereon as directed by the said seventh section of the said Act of Assembly.

APPENDIX No. 169.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, respectfully report, That a number of bills for carriage hire due by the Guardians of the Poor, which were rejected by your Committee because the appropriation had been exhausted, were re-considered by them and submitted to the Solicitor for his opinion, and as it appeared that the carriages had been furnished in good faith, and not only in entire ignorance of the appropriation having been exhausted, but without any means of ascertaining whether it was so, except by a reference to the books of the Controller, which could hardly be expected from persons not familiar with the details of the City Administration; and as none of the bills rendered exceeded the original appropriation, the Solicitor and your Committee on re-consideration, agreed that they ought to be paid; especially as their payment can establish no precedent hereafter as under a supplement to the Consolidation Act, passed in April last, security must hereafter be given by the proper officer of this and other kindred departments that the appropriations to them will not be exceeded.

An appropriation of \$500 was made for advertising the Sheriff's proclamation for the May election; the printers bills which have been rendered amount to \$796 50, being \$265 50 for three papers. This work was done last year for \$750, and your Committee think that as perhaps it was really estimated for at too low a rate, that a like amount may fairly be allowed now, which will require an increase of appropriation of \$250.

A bill of Alderman John Clouds, as Police Magistrate of the Eighteenth Ward, was examined by the Committee; they find that \$37 13 is due him, and recommend that it be allowed.

The bill of James B. Smith & Co., for order books and warrant books furnished Department of City

Commissioners in July, 1857, amounting to \$90, is recommended for payment.

The bill of C. B. Town, for various services rendered to the Board of Health, for printing during the year 1857, amounting to \$150, is also recommended for payment.

The appropriation of \$150, for the Collector of Ballot Boxes of October election, merged as owing to the disputes which grew out of those elections, they were not collected in time, a re-appropriation of this sum is recommended.

The appropriation of \$500, for meals for Jurors is exhausted; this appropriation can never be based on any certain calculation, as the amount expended must depend upon the accidental importance or doubtfulness of cases tried. And as the bills are never paid unless approved by the Judges of the Court, there is little risk of misappropriation. An additional appropriation for this purpose of \$250 is recommended.

Several bills of Alderman J. B. Freeman, for affidavits taken before him from the office of the City Solicitor, and Guardians of the Poor, and also for services by him in Bastardy and desertion cases; and bills of Edward G. Wood, as Constable, for services in the same cases, were referred to the Solicitor, and having been approved by him are included in the Ordinance which is herewith respectfully submitted.

W. H. DRAYTON, *Chairman*,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
ALFRED DAY,
ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
GEO. WILLIAMS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
WM. P. HACKER.

May 6, 1858.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of seven hundred and sixty-five dollars and eighty-eight cents

be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following claims against the City of Philadelphia:

1. To J. B. Smith & Co., for books furnished City Commissioners, in 1857, ninety dollars.
2. For collecting ballot boxes of October election, 1857, seventy-five dollars.
3. For meals for Jurors, for the year 1858, in addition to five hundred dollars appropriated and exhausted, two hundred and fifty dollars.
4. To C. Burt Town, for printing and stationery furnished the Board of Health in 1857, one hundred and fifty dollars.
5. To Alderman John Clouds, for fees and costs as Police Magistrate of Eighteenth Ward, thirty-seven dollars and thirteen cents.
6. To Alderman James B. Freeman, for affidavits taken before him by direction of the Guardians of the Poor, and for services rendered to the Guardians of the Poor, in desertion cases during the year 1857, one hundred and three dollars and seventy-five cents.
7. To Alderman James B. Freeman, for affidavits taken before him in absconding cases, ten dollars.
8. To Edward G. Wood, for services as Constable, in desertion cases in the year 1857, fifty dollars.

SECT. 2. Warrants for said appropriation shall be drawn as follows:—Items 1, 2 and 3, by the City Commissioners; 4, by President of Board of Health; 5, by the Mayor; 6 and 8, by the Guardians of the Poor; and item 7, by the City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 170.

Read in Place by MR. O'NIELL, May 6th, 1858.

 AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated as follows:—

1. To pay Thomas W. Duffield, Assistant-Clerk of Common Council, for extra services, two hundred dollars.
2. To pay Isaiah H. Butler, Messenger of Common Council, for extra services, two hundred dollars.
3. To pay James Magner, Messenger of Common Council, for extra services, two hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the same to be drawn by the Clerks of Councils, in accordance with existing ordinances.

 APPENDIX No. 171.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the two Resolutions from Select Council, hereunto annexed, approving a contract entered into with the Reading Railroad Company, herewith report the same without amendment, and recommend its adoption by Councils. The contract is for the erection of a bridge over the Reading Railroad, on the line of Girard Avenue, half the expense of which is to be borne by the Company. The build-

ing of this bridge is a part of the work to be done preparatory to the opening of Girard Avenue, a matter that has been before Councils for the last four years, and the consummation of which is devoutly wished for by the people of the vicinity.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 PETER FRAILEY,
 GEORGE WILLIAMS,
 G. W. SCHOFIELD,
 JAS. BURNS,
 JOHN M. FORD,
 CHAS. F. ISEMINER,
 JOHN F. DEAL,
 ALFRED CREASE.

April 28, 1858.

APPENDIX No. 172.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
 of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., in response to a number of petitions heretofore referred to them, have reported a resolution, authorizing several streets therein named to be paved, with the usual resolution authorizing the necessary grading to be done preparatory to the paving.

They also report, that Alleghany Avenue, from the Frankford Turnpike to the Frankford Avenue Railroad is opened, and was partially graded several years ago. A Resolution is submitted authorizing the Department to erect a wooden bridge over Gunner's Run, and to grade the remainder of the Avenue to the Frankford Railroad. This will make a continuous road from the

Delaware to the railroad, about midway between Hurt's Lane and Harrogate Lane, and will be of great convenience to the people of the locality; and it is estimated will cost not exceeding six hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER,
JAMES BURNS,
JOHN F. DEAL,
PETER FRAILEY,
GEORGE WILLIAMS,
W. O. KLINE.

April 15, 1858.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the Paving of Wharton Street, and for other purposes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on Wharton street, from Thirteenth street to Seventeenth, and Earp street, from Eighth street to Ninth street, in the First Ward; Twenty-third street, from Arch street to Vine street, in the Tenth Ward; Apple street, from Franklin Avenue to Master street, in the Seventeenth Ward; Fifth street, from Dauphin street to York street, Emerald street, from Front street to Lehigh Avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward; Franklin street, from Oxford street to Columbia Avenue, Girard Avenue, from Eleventh street to Twelfth street, Jefferson street, from Sixth street to Eighth street, and Mulvaney street, and Bym's street, from Jefferson to Columbia Avenue, in the Twentieth Ward; are hereby authorized to pave the same. The contractor for doing the said work in each case to be a competent paver, to be approved by the Highway Department, and the work to be supervised by the proper officer of the Department, while the same is progressing. *Provided*, further, that the water-pipe shall be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade the remainder of Alleghany

Avenue, from the Frankford Turnpike to the Frankford Avenue Railroad, and to erect a proper bridge or causeway over Gunner's Run, at an expense not to exceed six hundred dollars; and also to grade the several streets named in the first resolution, within the spaces specified, preparatory to the paving thereof.

